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Threat of air strikes diminishes

Serbs starting to pull back their big guns

BY MICHAEL EVANS, PHILIP WEBSTER AND TIM JUDAH

■ Heavy-weapons convoys are pulling back from Sarajevo's hills after Moscow agreed to send its troops to oversee the peace plan in the Bosnian capital

THE likelihood of Nato air strikes against Bosnian Serbs seemed to recede last night, after Russia persuaded them to withdraw all their heavy guns from the hills around Sarajevo within 36 hours.

Soon after the announcement, the Serbs began a large-scale withdrawal of heavy guns from around the Bosnian capital, in compliance with the Nato ultimatum, according to the United Nations.

"We have news of a very significant withdrawal of Bosnian Serb forces off the hills around Sarajevo. We are talking about convoys of equipment moving off the hills," said Bill Aikman, spokesman for the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Sarajevo.

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of UN forces in Bosnia, announced the Serb decision after the last-minute Russian initiative, arising from a meeting between Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Vitali Churkin, the Russian special envoy and Deputy Foreign Minister, at Pale, the Serb headquarters.

Mr Churkin said the withdrawals would make redundant the air strike threat. Nato's deadline for the heavy guns to be handed over to UN control or removed 12 miles from central Sarajevo passes at midnight on Sunday.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said last night of the Russian move: "This fits in admirably with the Nato initiative. They sit well together and if this works on the ground, there is now a much better chance than before of avoiding air strikes."

He added: "If things turn out right on the ground, there will be a huge advance . . ." If there were "no significant shelling" and the heavy weapons had been withdrawn or put under control, there would be "no need for air strikes".

Asked if the war in Sarajevo was about to end, he said: "There is a chance, because of the Nato initiative, because of the way the troop contributors, including Britain, have responded, and now because of the way the Russians have brought themselves back into the peace protest — there is a chance of that."

The involvement of the Russians so close to the Nato deadline is seen as a political move by Moscow to gain some kudos for stopping air strikes. Mr Churkin portrayed it as a diplomatic triumph. The agreement by the Serbs followed a request by President Yeltsin to President Milosevic of Serbia. Mr Yeltsin told John Major privately in Moscow on Tuesday that he was sending Mr Churkin to put pressure on the Serbs. British officials said: "This is a good sign. One of the messages the Prime Minister took to Moscow was that we wanted the Russians to be involved. That is what they are doing."

Mr Churkin said that Russia would send 400 peacekeeping troops from its UN contingent in Croatia to oversee the implementation of the peace plan in Sarajevo.

Before news of Moscow's initiative, the Government had been forced to deny it was undercutting General Rose by refusing his plea for 3,000 more troops. None of the five countries the UN approached offered more; the United States reaffirmed that no US ground troops would be sent. After a Cabinet meeting yesterday, Mr Major said that 300 men from the Coldstream Guards and 30 armoured Warriors would be redeployed from central Bosnia to Sarajevo. Sixty soldiers from the Royal Artillery will also leave for Sarajevo tomorrow, with five Cymbeline mortar-locating systems.

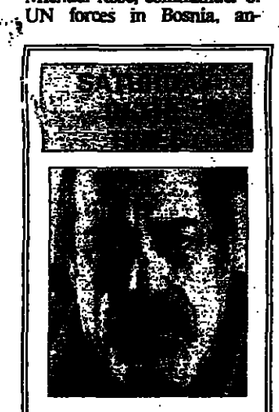
Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that the announcement would be taken as a "no" to General Rose's request and heard "as music to the ears of the Serbs".

John Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said the Government's response was deplorable. "Mr Major and Mr Hurd have dithered at what could be a decisive moment in this brutal civil war," he said.

Downing Street officials defended the decision, saying the Government believed that the contribution it was making was the right one.

The UN request, following a list of requirements from General Rose, was also sent to France, Canada, The Netherlands and Belgium. France has about 4,000 troops in Bosnia, Canada 785, The Netherlands 2,400, Belgium 270, and America 15, all of them at the UN headquarters in Kiseljak.

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants' PE II December 1993 results will be published tomorrow. Copies will be on sale after 10pm this evening at Charing Cross, King's Cross and Victoria stations, Marble Arch and Leicester Square.

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Nancy Kerrigan, foreground, and Tonya Harding meet on the ice of the Winter Olympic rink at Hamar near Lillehammer last night — and their frozen relationship in the wake of the attack on Kerrigan shows. They ignored each other throughout their training session.

The first skirmish was won by Harding as security staff were boosted from 40 to 150 after new threats to both women. She left the practice session giving thumbs up signals as tension crackled between the two. It was the first time they had been on ice together since January 6 and the prospect of seeing them so close magnetised the world's press. From 9am, four hours before the session, journalists jockeyed for position.

US ice maidens practise the cold shoulder

As investigation continues in Oregon into allegations that Harding was involved in last month's attack on Kerrigan, the manager of the Olympic rink said he had received anonymous death threats against both women.

They train again at 9.30 today, and "we are preparing for World War III," said Uve Lunde, of the Olympic Committee.

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Pollution figures to be issued hourly

BY TONY DAWE

HOURLY pollution statistics, giving a more accurate indication of the dangers millions face from the quality of Britain's air, are to be issued by the Government.

The Environment Department will shortly announce plans to replace its twice-daily bulletins with more frequent and "user-friendly" information on pollution levels. The action is in response to widespread criticism that the present data is misleading.

Air is at present rated only as very good, good, poor or very poor. The department has been



under pressure from health and environment campaigners to reclassify air quality. The campaigners want the Government to admit when World Health Organisation guidelines are breached and to issue an alert when levels reach those of the most recent smog, in December 1991. Whether or not the new system will meet these requirements is not clear.

The Government's plans emerge as a survey carried out exclusively for *The Times* reveals that small children are most at risk from vehicle pollution, regarded as the greatest threat to air quality.

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Tory tax bombshell £1,000 per family, says Labour

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TAXES for the average family will rise by £22 a week, or over £1,000 a year, from April 1995, according to Treasury figures disclosed to Labour last night.

Opposition leaders immediately seized on the figures to renew their accusations that the Government has broken its pledges on taxation. Pointing out that last year's two Budgets would cost the typical household an extra £1,160 in higher taxes, Labour leaders said that the central message of the Tory election campaign — graphic posters depicting a £1,000 Labour tax bombshell — had proved a fraud.

Ministers accused the Opposition of playing a "hypothetical game with figures" telling only half the story. Rising incomes, they said, would still leave the average family £10 a week better off after paying the higher taxes.

Labour also released a separate set of figures, again based on Treasury answers, showing that the share of income paid in all taxes by the average family rises from 32 per cent in 1978-79 to 35 per cent in 1994-95 and 36.2 per cent in 1995-96. However, a table issued by the Treasury gave a different picture when the 1978-79 tax system was superimposed on earnings in 1995-96. This showed the tax burden falling.

The latest details of the impact of the Budgets was set out in written Commons answers from Stephen Dorrell, the Treasury Financial Secretary, to Harriet Harman, the shadow Chief Secretary. They show that for a married couple with two children and one earner on average income of £20,000 a year, total taxes will rise by £12.52 a week from this April and by £22.32 a week from the following April.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said: "At the last election, on billboards around the country, the Tories claimed Labour would raise taxes by more than £1,000 and that Labour could not be trusted over tax.

"In the interests of honesty and standards the Tories should now put up billboards in every constituency saying that the Conservative Government is responsible for £1,000 in additional taxes and that the public can never trust the Tories on tax again. Falling living standards for millions as a result of tax rises will thus become a central economic issue."

Mr Dorrell responded: "It is true that we have introduced Budgets that have put up taxes. We all know that and the reasons for it. Labour is off into a hypothetical game with figures, and even those figures tell only half the story.

"What they do not tell you is that the same set of assumptions (used for the Treasury

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Bundesbank rate falls

THE Bundesbank yesterday cut its discount rate by half a percentage point but left its key money-market interest rate unchanged, signalling room for rates to fall further but in disappointingly slow and cautious steps.

The discount rate, which marks the floor for German interest rates, was cut by half a percentage point to 5.25 per cent, the first cut in German rates since October 22. The Lombard rate, which acts as a ceiling to rates, was left unchanged at 6.75 per cent and the repurchase rate at 6 per cent. German stocks and bonds powered ahead initially but then faded amid disappointment that the key repurchase rate had not been cut.

The fall in the discount rate gives more technical room to cut the repo rate in the weeks and months to come, but it is felt that this could be kept in reserve for some time and that the Bundesbank's extreme caution on monetary policy remains in place.

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Keeping justice on the road costs £5m a year

BY FRANCES GIBB AND RICHARD FORD

THE taxpayer spends more than £5 million a year to keep High Court judges in lodgings when they tour the provinces to try big cases. The cost works out at roughly £700 a day for each judge — three times the cost of a night's stay at Claridge's hotel in London.

High Court judges are based in London but at any one time between 23 and 28 are out on circuit, often for up to six weeks at a time. They live in what are known as Judges' Lodgings, though that title conceals the grandeur of some the buildings.

In the big cities such as Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds and Liverpool the Government owns the Judges' Lodgings, but others are rented.

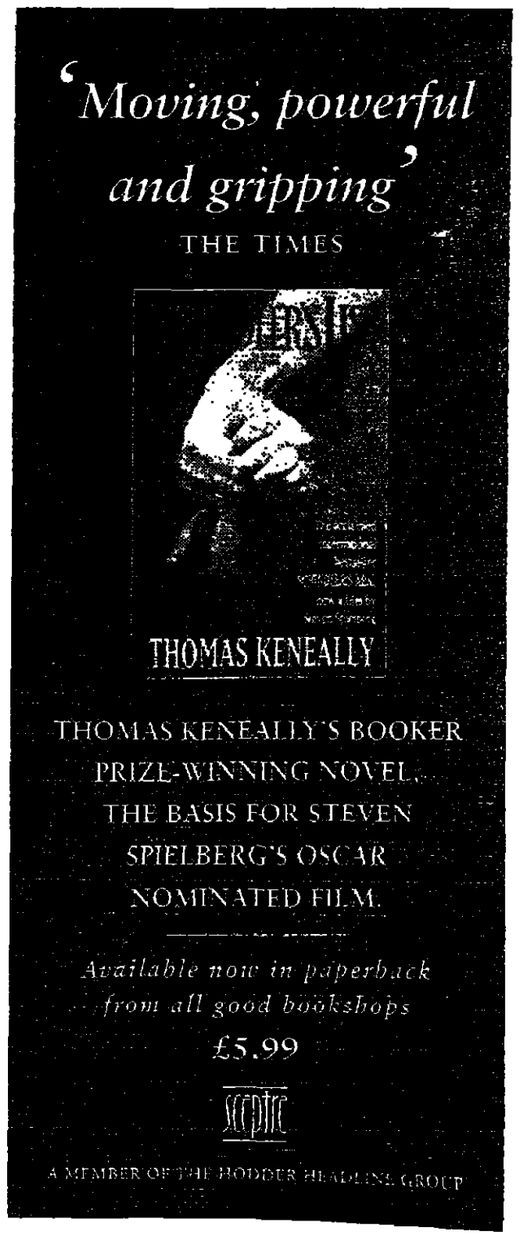
In Leeds, the lodgings are in the neo-gothic Carr Manor; in Winchester the lodgings in Cathedral Close are a large 18th-century house. Birmingham offers a more modest modern house. One judge's wife said: "It is a modern box which looks like a policeman's home surrounded by gates. But it has the most expensive fittings and handmade furniture."

There are 32 lodgings around the country where the lifestyle is similar to that of a gentleman's club, with catering and domestic staff to look after the judges, who are expected to maintain a certain lifestyle, entertaining local dignitaries. Dressing for dinner is still *de rigeur* for some, but others are much more informal and offer what one guest described as nothing more than the kind of supper served by a member of the middle classes.

Sir Frederick Lawton, a retired High Court judge, said: "The judges are expected to entertain the local dignitaries. I attended one recently at Leeds. There was staff to serve the drink and food and the silver was out but it was not lavish."

The atmosphere of some lodgings was a bit like a "glorified prep school", the judge's wife said. "I walked into a room once where a judge, sitting behind his newspaper, called out: 'Marshall! Where are my Marmite soldiers?'"

The costs were disclosed in a parliamentary written answer showing that £5,020,000 had been spent on lodging in 1992-93, including rent, hiring costs, maintenance and staff. Sir Frederick said judges needed security and could not stay in hotels "as that risked them running into witnesses and defendants".



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Balkan broadside wipes smile off face of the returning iceman



Ashdown: never quite speaks to the Chamber

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Confidence in HMG's administration of its Irish province rises with the realisation that the deputy governors cannot pronounce the native names. One of these — Sir John Wheeler, a junior Northern Ireland minister — may not have pleased the inhabitants of Mullingar by suggesting that "malinger" is their home. In a brave try at Monaghan. Sir John became tangled with a diminutive sportsman and ex-MP, and gave us Moynihan. Minutes later, David Shaw (C, Dover) was highly critical of "sin" Fein. Sean Connery might like to return the favour and call him David saw.

Such reflections were interrupted by the arrival of the Prime Minister, moments before PM's questions were due. We had hoped at least for snow on his boots. But no snow. No boots. "Where's the hat?" shouted disappointed Labour MPs. He grinned.

The grin did not last. The PM was in a ratty mood. "I hope he [Paddy Ashdown] will listen, now, then he will not ask such stupid questions in future," Major was snapping, within minutes, at the Liberal Democrat leader. There is something about Mr Ashdown which seems to irritate other MPs. Perhaps it is the high moral tone, bordering on sententiousness, with which he lectures ministers for their supposed timidity in the Balkans. Nobody warms to the implication that a politician considers himself morally superior — a lesson Mr Ashdown might learn from the Tories' present misfortunes. Or perhaps it is that indefinable sense that, though he is speaking *in* the Chamber, he never quite speaks *to* the Chamber. TV viewers are his chosen audience. As toward the woman we encounter doing her makeup on the bus, we feel vaguely affronted that the final effect is evidently not intended for us, but for others, elsewhere, later. Major's homecoming was not, in short, a merry one. This was a pity, for, in honour of his return, Dame Jill Knight (C, Edgebaston) wore a jacket with the most extravagant fur lapels imaginable. About four dozen squirrels, or an entire bear, must have laid down their lives for the occasion. This is a big Dame.

Some equally powerful dames feature in an exchange which took place late at night last week, when journalists were in bed. The House was debating the Child Support Agency — a subject which raises both male chauvinist and feminist hackles. A Tory sister, and *Hansard*, offer variations of the following account . . .

Miss Joan Lestor (Lab, Eccles): ". . . The giveaway was making the agency chief executive into a bounty hunter. When the Secretary of State opened the debate — Hon Members: "Rubbish"

Madam Speaker: "Order."

Miss Lestor *rose* —

Mr Bernard Jenkin (C, Colchester N): "You are wasting time, dear."

Miss Lestor: "Don't call me dear."

Mr John Evans (Lab, St Helens, N): "Come over here and say that."

Miss Lestor: "He dare not. He has not got the guts."

My informant swears she heard Miss Boothroyd mutter "stand up and say that" in Jenkins's direction, but *Hansard* does not confirm it. Let us be grateful it never came to that. In open fisticuffs, I'd give Battling Betty better odds than Blustering Bernard; while Jester Jenkin would be lucky to last 30 seconds in the ring with Lioness Lestor. This, too, is a fearsome dame.

Thatcher amassed collection of gems in No 10 vault

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

During 77 trips to 54 countries, the former prime minister collected a rich bag of trophies, mainly from the Middle East

ONE of Baroness Thatcher's lesser known gifts to the nation was a remarkable collection of jewellery given to her during her 11-year tenure in Downing Street.

Its existence came to light this week when Lady Thatcher saw Norma Major wearing a £100,000 diamond necklace which the former premier considered her personal property. Although the necklace now technically belongs to the State, Lady Thatcher telephoned the Prime Minister to express her irritation and he in turn suggested his wife should not to wear it again.

Mrs Major was said to be in raptures and to have felt like a Christmas tree when she wore the necklace to a ball in Windsor Castle.

Most of Lady Thatcher's collection has never been seen by the public. It is kept in a vault underneath No 10 for the use of prime minister's wives or women premiers.

British prime ministers over the years have received numerous treasures from around the world worth millions of pounds. Many decorate No 10, and special funds such as the Silverware Trust have been set up to enable less ostentatious businessmen and foreign dignitaries to donate a few silver teaspoons.

According to government rules dating back to 1906 individuals, whether they be prime ministers or civil servants, can accept gifts worth over £120 only if refusal might appear discourteous. If they want to keep them as their personal possessions they must pay the difference.

During 77 official foreign trips to 54 countries, Lady Thatcher acquired a mixed bag of trophies to enrich the collection. Among them is a heavy silver Omani coffee pot which perches on a sideboard and a jewelled desk set from Abu Dhabi.

Other gifts that will never become Thatcher family heirlooms include a perfect pearl necklace given by King Khaled of Saudi Arabia and a glittering gold bracelet encrusted with diamonds and rubies presented by the Sultan of Brunei in 1985. Among the oddest is the Kwawiuti Red Indian walking stick presented to her in Canada in 1987.

Certain gifts have caused some embarrassment for No 10. When Zimbabwe gave Lady Thatcher a gift of ivory — despite the ban — it was decided it would be diplomatic to accept.

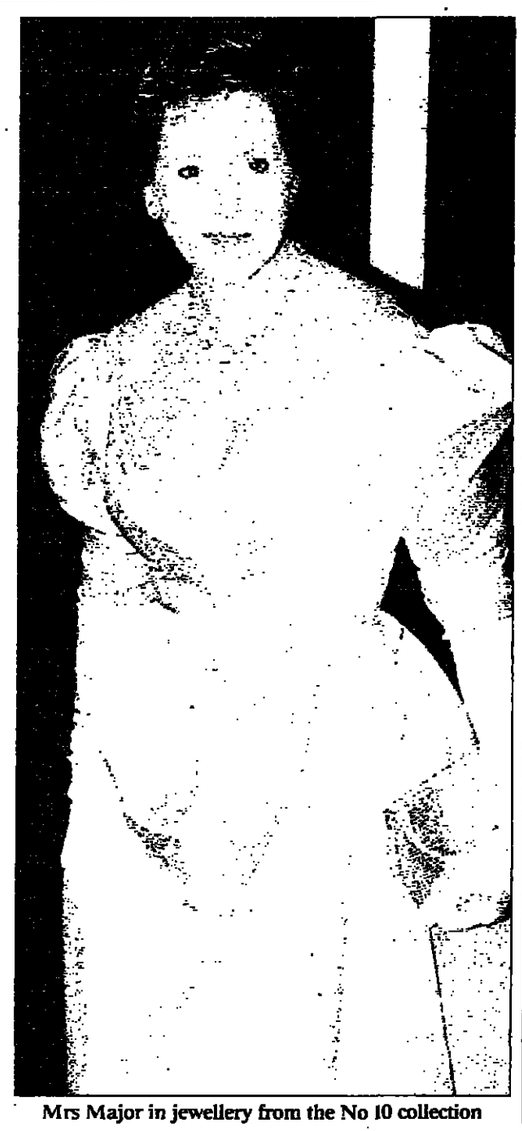
Lady Thatcher rarely refused gifts on behalf of the nation, but one she decided not to bring home was a black stallion presented by the Emir of Kano in Nigeria.

Although Downing Street does not give details of any gifts received by past or present prime ministers, a spokesman has admitted that most of Lady Thatcher's jewellery was given by "Middle East people" and that when Lady Thatcher left No 10 they were not sure what to do with it.

He said: "It was suggested they go to the Treasury, but then the idea was struck to make them Downing Street property because that way we will always have access to them and future incumbents can use them."

Lady Thatcher's favourite everyday jewellery was her own strands of pearls and paste. Presents she was allowed to keep included gifts of rose bushes for her husband Denis and pieces for her collection of Crown Derby English porcelain.

The Prime Minister is now to face questions in the Commons over the collection from Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham NW.



Mrs Major in jewellery from the No 10 collection

Treasury lawyer tried to suppress Matrix evidence

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

A SENIOR Government lawyer tried to prevent vital evidence from falling into the hands of defence counsel in the Matrix Churchill trial, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Andrew Leithead, assistant Treasury solicitor, said that he attempted to recover a "highly confidential sheaf of documents" given to Customs officials because he feared that they might have to be disclosed in court.

The Trade Department documents, which showed that ministers and officials knew that Matrix Churchill was exporting machine tools to Iraq to manufacture missiles and shells, were given to Customs officials by mistake. Trade Department officials were desperate to retrieve the documents because, under the Attorney-General's rules on evidence, any material used to mount a prosecution must also be made available to the defence counsel.

Presiley Baxendale QC, counsel to the enquiry, asked whether he thought recovering the documents would have been a convenient way of getting round his duty to disclose evidence to the defence. Mr Leithead said: "Yes."

Lord Justice Scott expressed astonishment that "a government department was trying to make it difficult for the defence to get hold of the documents needed to prove their client's innocence". Mr Leithead said: "All I had been told was a highly confidential sheaf of documents had been released to the prosecution, and we wanted them back."

The solicitor was then questioned about a meeting to coordinate statements to the prosecution by civil servants, in which he advised Tony Steadman, a DTI official, to change his evidence and delete any reference to government suspicions that British machine tools were being used to make arms.

Lord Justice Scott said: "What business have officials got drafting something like that?" Mr Leithead replied: "Obviously it would have been wrong to put words into his mouth. But ultimately he has to take responsibility for his statement."

Mr Leithead was then questioned about the use of public interest immunity certificates to prevent the disclosure of the confidential documents in court. He told the enquiry that any disclosure of the advice given to ministers was not in the public interest.

Mr Leithead also told the enquiry how the so-called gagging orders were drawn up without reference to the confidential documents in an attempt to prevent the trial judge from reading them. Lord Justice Scott asked if he thought this a legitimate tactic. Mr Leithead said: "No, I don't think I agree with it."

IRA kills policeman in rocket attack

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

THE IRA murdered a policeman and badly injured two of his colleagues in a rocket attack on a security force patrol yesterday. The murder, in the Markets area of Belfast, was the first killing by the IRA this year.

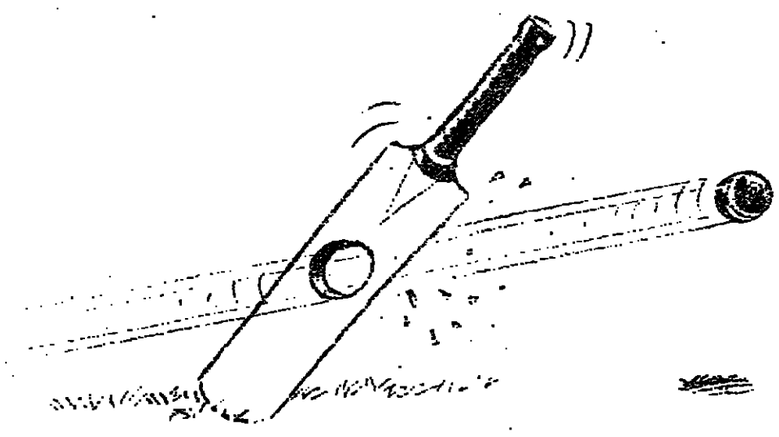
Witnesses said the rocket was fired seconds after children playing in the street had made way for the patrol's Land Rover. The improvised mortar was launched from an alleyway as the vehicle passed by.

The attack was the latest in a recent series made by the IRA against members of the security forces. Since the Downing Street declaration in December, the IRA has launched 40 attacks, and at the end of December a soldier was killed in south Armagh by a sniper. The IRA is maintaining its campaign during the peace process because it believes it will allow republicans to negotiate from a position of strength. However, Sir Hugh Annesley, the chief constable of the RUC, said he could not see how republicans could talk peace.

Describing the attack as cowardly and vicious, he said: "It is really very difficult to match [the attack] with the consistent claims they put forward that they want a lasting peace."

The two injured officers have been discharged from hospital.

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Tories reject tax fraud accusations

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tax answers) produce an increase in earnings of over £30 a week. Clearly, the family at whom the question is targeted will be roughly £10 a week better off."

Mr Dorrell said that another Treasury answer showed that taxes and national insurance contributions accounted for 18.5 per cent of national income in 1978-9. In 1994-5 it would be 15.3 per cent and in 1995-6 16.2 per cent — in other words lower than when Labour left office.

The new figures follow the admission by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that the tax increases that take effect at several stages between April this year and next are equivalent to an extra 7p on the basic rate of income tax. They also follow the disclosure in *The Times* that the average family paid a smaller proportion of its earnings in income tax under Denis Healey's Labour chancellorship in 1979.

The fresh blow to the Conservatives' reputation as the party of low taxation was delivered after John Major and John Smith clashed in the Commons.

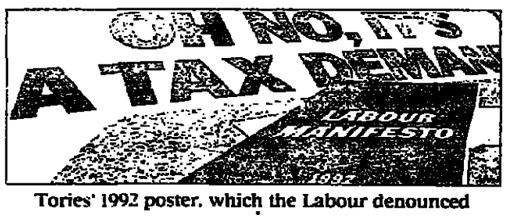
In a newspaper article on back to basics yesterday, Mr Major had made no mention of taxation, Mr Smith said. But at a rally two days before the April 1992 election the Prime Minister had said: "More tax cuts for all — that is our basic Conservative belief."

The Labour leader claimed that Mr Major was so embarrassed by the duplicity of his administration and its incompetence that he dared not mention taxation under his back to basics umbrella. But Mr Major insisted that the reality was that "this is the party that cuts taxes, and it always has been."

He added: "Not even you can conceive of any circumstances on any occasion when taxation would be lower under a Labour government than under a Conservative government."

Ms Harman said last night: "It is not just these Tory tax increases break promises — they are unfair. While those on incomes over £64,000 are paying less tax than in 1979, everyone else is paying more tax. These taxes are not paying for investment in the economy or better public services. They are paying for the Conservatives' economic failure."

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Tories' 1992 poster, which the Labour denounced

Survivor climbs back

JACQUELINE Greaves, the grandmother who survived 40 hours lost in the Scottish mountains, arrived home yesterday suffering from slight frostbite and vowed to go climbing next weekend (Kate Alderson writes).

Speaking from her home in Lowton, Greater Manchester, she said that she was quite well. Mrs Greaves, 53, said that she would make a donation to the rescue services who helped to save her life. She is reportedly being paid up to £40,000 by newspapers for her story.

"When I am less tired I will make a decision, in my own time, exactly who I am giving some of the money to," she said. I am getting nowhere near the amount reported in the media."

Mrs Greaves, a school secretary who has 15 years' experience of climbing, praised her rescuers: "I cannot say enough about what they did for me, the helicopter people as well as the rescuers."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police to investigate death of officer's son

A senior Metropolitan Police officer is to investigate how a fellow detective's son suffered fatal injuries after being taken into custody for alleged possession of cannabis. Joshua Ward, 20, died in hospital after spending two days in a cell. A post-mortem examination found that his skull had been fractured.

Det Con John Ward said that his son was "not damaged at all" when he last saw him at Whetstone police station, north London, three days before he died. He added that it was the first time his son had been involved with the police.

Milligan case continues

Police investigating the death of Stephen Milligan, the Conservative MP, still have people to interview, an inquest in west London was told yesterday. Det Supt Brian Edwards said he still had to prove that nobody else was in Mr Milligan's house in Hammersmith at the time of his death.

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Nuclear sell-off

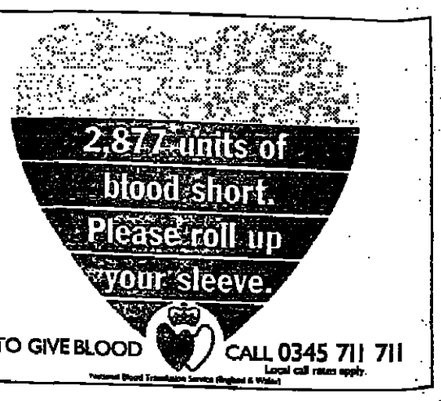
Potentially profitable parts of the Atomic Energy Authority are to be sold, but responsibility for liabilities such as nuclear waste and decommissioning will remain in the public sector. Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, said in the Commons yesterday. The authority will be split into two businesses from April 1.

Coach crash kills pupil

A boy was killed and 16 children injured in a school bus crash yesterday. The coach, which did not have seatbelts, was on its way to Biggar, Strathclyde, on a sharp bend when an articulated lorry ripped out its side. Francis Scorgie, 15, of Carnwath, died after being hurled through a window.

Buses get green light

Buses in Leeds are being fitted with electronic sensors that will turn traffic lights green in their favour, as part of a plan to cut congestion along the Dewsbury Road in the south of the city. Forty buses are to have transponders, activating the lights when they go over an aerial loop under the road.



'Name' belonged to worst-hit syndicates

Admiral who lost fortune at Lloyd's found dead in car

BY IAN MURRAY

ONE of the most distinguished Lloyd's names, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, has been found dead at his home after apparently committing suicide. He was a member of two of the worst hit syndicates and his family blame his death on worries about his losses, believed to be between £150,000 and £200,000.

Sir Richard, who was 64, became Second Sea Lord before he retired from the Royal Navy five years ago after 42 years' service. A Korean war veteran, he rose to command the aircraft carrier HMS *Hermes* before becoming chief of naval personnel during the Falklands conflict.

A spokesman for the family said: "He was a member of Lloyd's and that says it all. There is certainly no other reason. Being a very meticulous businessman it obviously worried him. He wasn't facing immediate financial problems but the liability can go on for ever."

Sir Richard's body was found on Tuesday in his Volvo at his home at Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex. A pipe from the exhaust led into the car and police said the death was *not suspicious*.

He was a member of both



Sir Richard Fitch was worried about losses

the Gooda Walker and Cuthbert Heath syndicates, which are among the most seriously affected by the losses on the insurance market. Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker action group, said yesterday that its 1989 losses amounted to £260 million, equivalent to 370 per cent of its turnover.

"This seems to be the latest of a series of tragic deaths involving the Gooda Walker syndicate," he said. "It is a typical case of an elderly retired person who has never been in debt overcome by the anxiety of these huge losses. The hardship committee is there for them to turn to but many are too proud to turn to something they see as a kind of charity and regard it as humiliating, especially when they feel it is all Lloyd's fault."

"Naval officers serving in the 1970s and 1980s lost out particularly because they missed out on the property boom and often do not have a nice nest egg of a house to protect them."

John Thompson, secretary of the Lloyd's hardship committee, said that Sir Richard had never contacted them. "Nobody who has applied to us has ever taken this drastic step.

"I can understand that sometimes people don't wish to come forward to us but if they would just pick up a telephone and see what we had to offer then they would realise there is no need to do anything so drastic as take their own life."

Sir Richard had remained very active after his retirment as president of his local Conservative Association and a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron with a motor cruiser moored at Littlehampton.

Captain Peter Lucas, a neighbour who was also a retired naval officer, said: "I have known Dickie since I went to sea when I was 13. He was a great guy."

REX FEATURES



The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, owner of Goodwood racecourse, outside his home, Goodwood House, in West Sussex

Duke apologises to family for affair

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the millionaire owner of Goodwood racecourse in Sussex, yesterday issued a public apology to his wife and family for a four-year affair with an American travel agent.

The Duke, 64, said to be one of the richest men in Britain, was with his wife, Susan, when news broke of his affair with Jessica Matasovic, 40. In a statement issued through his private office, the Duke admitted paying his former lover £10,000, but said that the money had been intended to help her through an illness.

News of the relationship became public when Ms Matasovic was quoted by *The Sun* as saying that the Duke, an Old Etonian and the father of five children, was "a coward, a man without integrity and a cad". She added: "I feel I served only for his frustrated sex life. I let him make love to me, and now he has dropped me like a hot potato."

Ms Matasovic claimed she had given in to the Duke's advances during a trip to the south of France, two years after they had first met. He had bought her a sapphire and diamond engagement ring and a gold wedding ring, and had persuaded her



The Duchess continues to support her husband

to leave her home in Los Angeles to take up residence in a flat in Belgravia. Three months after the move, it is claimed, the affair ended. The relationship is said to have remained a secret until last October, when the Duchess found out about it.

Ms Matasovic told *The Sun*: "He thinks he can buy me off for £10,000, but I am worth much more than that."

The statement issued by the Duke's office yesterday said that the relationship had ended some time ago. "The family were aware of the situation and of the Duke's decision to help Ms Matasovic financially during an illness, despite the relationship having ended. The Duke very much regrets the stress that he has caused his wife and family. The Duchess of Richmond has said that she will continue to support her husband in every way."

Charles Henry Gordon-Lennox, said to be the 248th richest man in Britain, owns the 12,000-acre Goodwood estate in the Sussex Downs, is head of the Goodwood group of companies, Chancellor of Sussex University and Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex.

He and the Duchess married in 1951, and have a son and four daughters, two of whom are adopted.

The Duke, a chartered accountant, is a former member of the General Synod of the Church of England for the diocese of Chichester, and is a Church Commissioner.

Man who killed police sergeant jailed for life

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO young men who battered and stabbed a police sergeant to death were jailed yesterday for what a judge called a heinous crime.

Paul Weddle, 26, who used a knife and fence post to attack Sgt Bill Forth, 34, a married man with two young children, was jailed for life. His accomplice Phillip English, who was 15 at the time of the killing on March 20 last year, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure. He had repeatedly clubbed the officer over the head with a section of fencing.

Sentencing them yesterday at Teesside Crown Court, Mr Justice Owen said: "You did a terrible thing, causing untold suffering to many, many people."

Gill Forth, the sergeant's widow, broke down in court when the jury returned after three hours' deliberation with a unanimous verdict against Weddle and a 10-2 majority against English. Afterwards she said: "I thank God that justice has been done. Hopefully Bill can now rest in peace."

After the hearing Mrs Forth disclosed that her husband had been planning to leave the police because of his disillusionment with the way courts handled offenders.

During the eight-day trial the jury was told that the attack on Sgt Forth had been so unexpected and ferocious that he had been unable to take out his truncheon to defend himself.

The court had been told that the sergeant and PC Bill Hay had been called to deal with what they believed was a minor domestic disturbance at a housing estate at Sunniside, Tyne and Wear, close to where the two men lived, late in the evening.

What they did not know was that Weddle and English had spent the evening drinking strong lager and wine, taking drugs and inhaling lighter fluid. Weddle, who was described as immature for his years, was distressed that his girl friend had taken up with a youth.

Sometime after 11pm they appeared outside the girl friend's home, shouting for the new boy friend. Weddle had broken a window and the police were called.

The officers tried to calm the situation but one of the two youths was heard shouting "Get him, kill him." Witnesses said that Forth had approached them in an attempt to calm the situation with the words: "Now lads, come on."

He had also asked them to hand over a knife which Weddle had produced with the words: "I don't want any trouble." But the two then set



Forth: had planned to leave the police

about the officer. Weddle stabbed Sgt Forth in the chest, delivering a fatal blow. As the officer slumped forward, more wounds were delivered to his back and side.

At that point PC Hay arrived on the scene, chased English away and arrested him. Residents came from their homes and drove Weddle from over the dying sergeant's body.

In court the two denied murder. English maintained that as he had not wielded the fatal knife blow he was not responsible for murder. The prosecution maintained that the assault had been a joint enterprise.

Boy of 16 admits plot to extort £100,000

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY aged 16 yesterday admitted a plot to extort £100,000 from two wealthy women by threatening to kill their children.

The boy's first victim was Monique Whittome, a close friend of a leading London lawyer, who was sent a demand for £60,000 at her home in Chelsea.

Mrs Whittome, a frequent guest at the Hampshire estate of the lawyer Stephen James, was so terrified by the typewritten threat that she sent her sons Christopher and Dominic, both in their 20s, abroad. Mrs Whittome, a widow, needed medical treatment for anxiety.

The second victim was Mari Coyle, who received two letters demanding £40,000 and threatening the life of her 13-year-old daughter. Mrs Coyle, who lives near Mr James, was so terrified that she went through a "dummy drop" of the cash as instructed in one of the notes.

Details of the extortion attempts were given to magistrates. Yesterday the boy appeared at Winchester Crown Court, where he admitted three charges of blackmail. Mr Justice Alliott ruled that he should not be named.

Police believe that Mrs Coyle was made a target simply because she lived near the blackmailer and he may have rifled her post when it was delivered to a mail box at the end of her drive.

The case against the boy, who lives near Lymington, Hampshire, was adjourned, without any new evidence being heard, for the preparation of psychiatric reports.

He was released on bail on condition that he did not contact Mrs Whittome, Mrs Coyle or Mr James, 63, a senior partner with the solicitors Simmons & Simmons.

The judge said: "Do not read into the fact that I have allowed you bail any sort of understanding that you will not be deprived of your liberty when you eventually come to be sentenced."

Ambridge meets reality head-on

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DEVOTEES of Britain's longest-running soap opera, *The Archers*, face an anxious wait today after a serious road accident that could kill off a leading character.

Last night's crash episode, which was recorded five weeks ago, came a week after the programme's editor, Vanessa Whitburn, was seriously injured in a road accident. Ms Whitburn sent an urgent message from hospital to executives at the BBC's Pebble Mill headquarters in Birmingham, where the programme is recorded, insisting that the episode go ahead. A BBC spokesman said last night: "She was adamant that the storyline should remain unchanged."

The outcome of the crash will be revealed in tonight's episode. It involved the solicitor Mark Hebden (played by Richard Derrington), who was driving his car along a country lane in Ambridge; Caroline Bone (Sara Coward) and Debbie Aldridge (Tamsin Greig), who were on horseback; and an unknown driver in another vehicle.

The BBC declined to comment last night on speculation that Mark was dead.

The episode is the latest in a series of dramatic plots and sub-plots aimed at attracting more listeners. Recent storylines have included the jailing of Susan Carter, armed robbery, adultery and abortion. The policy has paid off and ratings have risen significanly. The programme, launched in 1951, attracts 3.75 million regular listeners.

Ms Whitburn is said to be comfortable and improving in Birmingam's General Hospital.



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Since Seve was nine years old, practising clandestine golf strokes after hours on his home Pedrena golf course, his sheer mental stamina has driven him on. Indeed, when someone asked him recently what he thought was the most important characteristic of a would-be champion, Ballesteros said promptly: "A strong mind."

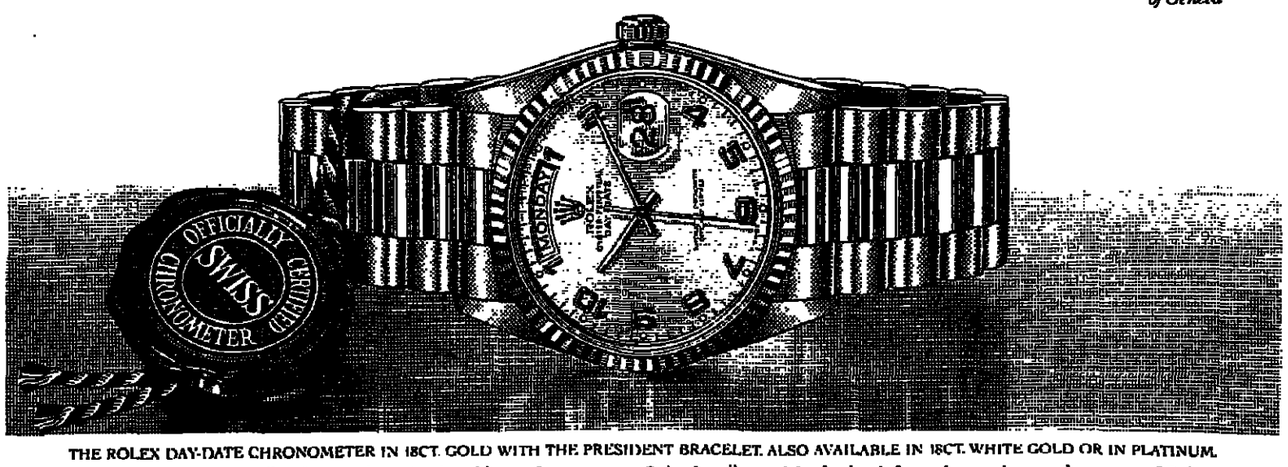
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If a British industry proved that it was worth billions, would you back it?

The British nuclear industry turns over £5 billion a year. It supplies almost a quarter of England and Wales' electricity needs and nearly half of Scotland's. Twenty-three of the 33 countries with nuclear power programmes have used British companies as suppliers, including Japan. Taiwan and Korea. Britain's nuclear fuel services have attracted a healthy export market. Over the next 10 years a substantial part of the £9 billion order book for the new THORP fuel recycling plant alone will come from overseas. A number of progressive countries are going ahead with nuclear power, and around the world 72 nuclear units are planned or under construction, representing orders worth over £50 billion. Japan has 44 reactors and says it needs 40 more. South Korea has 9 and plans another 18. France has 56, producing three-quarters of the country's electricity and plans to replace them all with new ones as they reach their natural retirement age.

If a British industry led the world in technology, would you back it?

Britain was first into nuclear power, with the original stations still operating today. High-technology countries like Japan that believe in nuclear power turn to Britain's 40-year experience to help supply the services they need. Right now the UK stands at the forefront of nuclear power technology, with an enviable position in the world and important long-term contracts. Our lengthy experience in processing and managing fuel gives us a competitive edge there. We are also a strong contender to help to build a power station in Taiwan, based on the successful design and construction of the new Sizewell B station in Suffolk. And today, Britain is host to one of the most successful experiments in nuclear fusion so far, the great hope for unlimited energy for the future.

If a British industry supported 100,000 jobs, would you back it?

Jobs in the nuclear industry are high-quality jobs: jobs in construction, engineering and technology, jobs that offer a continued expertise for years to come, given the commitment to building on Britain's enviable lead.

If a British industry offered real hope for the future of the planet, would you back it?

The world's population is forecast to increase by 50% by 2020, while energy demand will almost double. Some estimates say oil will run out by about 2040, gas by 2060 and coal a couple of hundred years later. And while we continue to burn these fossil fuels, their emissions add to acid rain and to the threat of global warming. Environmental pressures to reduce carbon dioxide emission levels, which have been accepted by the USA and other major industrialised nations, are set to favour nuclear generation. Nuclear power reactors do not produce carbon dioxide, methane, sulphur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen, the principal suspected causes of global warming and acid rain. Our nuclear stations already save the production of 75 million tonnes of carbon dioxide and 1 million tonnes of sulphur dioxide every year.

If a British industry offered long-term stability for years to come, would you back it?

Nuclear power has reliable long-term fuel supplies. Uranium, the basis of nuclear fuel, comes from politically stable countries like Australia, Canada and the USA. The fuel is highly concentrated; £2 worth of uranium will speed 700 people from London to Glasgow at 125 mph or provide one person's electricity needs for more than two years. The world has large, low-cost uranium reserves that the World Energy Council estimates to be double the total of coal, oil and gas. More gas is expected to turn up, much of it in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East (Iran in particular) where 70% of the world's natural gas reserves are. But national self-interest suggests that we should avoid dependency on other countries' political and economic stability. Britain has stocks of potential nuclear fuel far greater than its total recoverable reserves of coal that, with recycling and fast reactors, are capable of providing electricity for 1,000 years. And a balanced supply using all the sources, coal, gas, nuclear and renewables, backed up by increasing energy conservation and efficiency, provides the most stable way to meet future energy needs.

If a British industry put safety at the top of its agenda, wouldn't it make sense to back it?

Safety is at the heart of Britain's nuclear industry, which adopts world-class standards. We open our doors to the public almost every day of the year to demonstrate how we provide a safe and environmentally sustainable source of electricity, and last year some 400,000 visitors saw this for themselves. Virtually every large energy provider produces waste and the nuclear industry is no exception. We produce relatively little, but consider safety as the key issue. Nuclear waste is radioactive and we have therefore laid detailed plans for a repository where the bulk of our waste can be safely contained, placed deep underground. The rest, liquid high-level waste, is being 'vitrified' (combined with glass) and placed in steel containers for long-term storage and disposal. The technology for decommissioning 'retired' stations is well established: around 80 nuclear reactors worldwide have already been taken out of service and a number of sites completely cleared.

If we told you the British industry in question was nuclear power, wouldn't you want to read the small print?

This year, the government is undertaking a review of nuclear power. A decision to press forward with nuclear development means that Britain's nuclear power industry can build on the strengths it already possesses. It means that the industry can continue to earn billions of pounds, much of it for export, maintain a world lead in a technology Britain developed, support tens of thousands of jobs, help to reduce pollution and contribute to sustainable development for Britain and the world.

We welcome the 1994 Review and the opportunity it provides to put the case for the nuclear industry. And what's decided now decides all our futures. Like any other industry, nuclear power must install new plant as older plant reaches the end of its 'operating life'. Unless we build soon, nuclear's market share will halve by the year 2005 (11 years from now) and disappear almost entirely by the year 2020. If we seriously want a secure supply of electricity in balance with environmental concerns, it's time to strengthen our commitment to nuclear power.

The outcome of the review is of enormous significance to the nation. And it is an issue that many people care about. In a recent Gallup poll, three-quarters of the respondents felt the need for nuclear electricity would continue at its present level or grow. **You may find it helpful to receive more information about nuclear power, particularly during the Nuclear Review. If so, please telephone 0272-244750, or write to us at 22 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB, fax 071-828 0110.**

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Sale puts high price on peer's curiosity

BY JOHN SHAW

A FRAGMENT from a genuine Egyptian stone bust rubbed shoulders with a giant fake bird's egg as Lord McAlpine's "Cabinet of Curiosities" made more than £307,000 at Sotheby's in central London yesterday.

A total of 1,500 objects were brought together for what the collector saw as their beauty and curiosity value. Lord McAlpine was not at the sale, which was estimated to make about £200,000.

Lord McAlpine, a former deputy chairman and treasurer of the Conservative Party, has been fascinated by the weird and wonderful since childhood. Previous collections included policemen's truncheons, early Scottish weapons, breeds of cattle, varieties of snowdrops and modern pictures.

Items passing in front of the auctioneer's rostrum maintained this esoteric reputation. They came from almost every period in history. The Egyptian bust, from the 19th Dynasty fetched £4,370 and the bird's egg, from the 19th-century made £483.

The pieces ranged from prehistoric fossils and tribal art to two brass taps in the shape of swans, from the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane. They found a buyer for £391. Four neolithic stone boat-shaped axes raised £3,335. A Bronze Age sword, 30in long, made £2,530.

A 19th-century stuffed lamb with seven legs sold for £437, a puma's skeleton went for £1,322, and that of a panther fetched £2,530.

Lord McAlpine was in Singapore on business yesterday. When told of the sale result he said: "I'm delighted and surprised. The total is so much more than I expected."

☐ A 1904 writing desk designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh became the most expensive piece of 20th-century furniture sold at auction when it made £793,500 at Christie's in London yesterday.

PETER TREVINOR



Carl von Schoenburg, a Sotheby's staff member, inspecting Lord McAlpine's stuffed flying fish yesterday



"Hey Sonia!", by Arthur Taylor, was sold to the US

Mona Lisa of comic cards fetches £3,850

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Mona Lisa of the comic postcard world was sold at Christie's in central London yesterday for £3,850.

The original artwork for "Hey Sonia!", one of the most familiar postcard cartoons ever printed, was estimated by the South Kensington auctioneers at £150-£250. It was bought by an anonymous English collector living in America.

Speaking on the telephone from New York later, the new owner said: "This card has been seen in schoolboys' lockers and workmen's huts all over the world. In my view it is just as important as the Mona Lisa."

"Hey Sonia!", drawn by Arnold Taylor, was reputedly the most successful produced by James Balmforth, a firm in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, whose 197-lot stock of artwork fetched £80,033. The company produced about 50,000 comic designs over a period of 90 years.

E.T.W. Dennis, of Scarborough, which now owns Balmforth, was delighted with the results of the sale. Comic cards still account for a tenth of its 25-million-card annual output.

1,200 jobs to be cut by health authority

BY LEN JENKINS

UP TO 1,200 jobs are to be cut by South Birmingham Health Authority, which is losing £1.5 million a month despite calls to get its finances in order.

The announcement follows all-party criticism of the outgoing head of the health service over failure to halt the authority's mounting debts.

Sir Duncan Nichol, chief executive of the NHS, admitted "oversight" in not stopping the increase in debt when he appeared before the Commons Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday. The authority has failed to collect debts or charge private patients for treatment.

The authority hopes that the first phase of 400 job cuts, to be made at all levels in the acute unit, which runs four main hospitals, will be achieved without compulsory redundancies.

Mike Waterland, of the acute unit, said the cuts were needed because expansion of hospitals elsewhere had cut the number of patients being referred to South Birmingham hospitals.

Drugs bill to be pared

Go swimming instead of taking tablets, says Bottomley

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

VIRGINIA Bottomley suggested yesterday that doctors should prescribe swimming rather than tablets to treat high blood pressure in an effort to improve value for money in the NHS.

In a separate initiative to cut costs, Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, is to announce measures to curb the amount of unused medicines left in bathroom cabinets.

Mrs Bottomley urged doctors to stop carrying out unnecessary operations and prescribing drugs when cheaper treatment might be more effective.

The Health Secretary made clear that money was often wasted on the wrong medical practice. In future all doctors should base their treatment on the latest research rather than acting on "expectation or fashion", she said.

Mrs Bottomley implied that grommet operations had become the fashion to treat glue ear in the same way that doctors used to whip out tonsils to cure sore throats.

Her advice came as the Government announced it was providing an extra £12 million to cut waiting lists. The latest figures showed that 34,000 people joined hospital waiting lists between last September and December. The 3.3 per cent rise brings overall waiting lists to 1.06 million. The number of people waiting for more than a year rose by 5.1 per cent to 74,079.

Addressing a conference in Birmingham, Mrs Bottomley said that effective medical treatment was about focusing on what worked. However, she said that doctors were under huge pressure to conform to expectation. "It may take longer for a surgeon to talk someone out of an inappropriate operation than to do it. A pill for every ill is hard to resist."

In an effort to make the amount spent on drugs more cost effective, Dr Mawhinney is to announce measures to curb excessive prescribing.

Dr Mawhinney told MPs yesterday: "High on my agenda are the bathroom cabinets of the nation. Bathroom cabinets are stuffed full of drugs. It has been a surprise to me that no one with my responsibility has asked questions as to what is in these cabinets."

Ten more categories of medicines are to be added to the list of brand-name drugs GPs are not allowed to prescribe, including some makes of contraceptive Pill.

This week's 50p rise in prescription charges reflected the Government's concern over the increasing cost of the NHS drugs bill. Dr Mawhinney's drive to cut the drugs bill has been further inspired by figures on GPs' spending.

Last year fundholders, who control their own budgets, spent an average of £57 per patient, against £61 by non-fundholders. Projections for this year show that fundholders' costs will rise to £61 and non-fundholders will increase to £68, said the health minister, giving evidence to the Commons health select committee.

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Britain's drug bill increasing

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN'S drug bill is expected to rise at least 10 per cent this year and 12 per cent next year. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, says these rises are unacceptable, but her efforts to limit doctors' powers to prescribe expensive drugs are foundering.

Ageing populations require more health care; old people are by far the greatest users of medicines. GPs also face the dilemma of whether to deny better but more expensive drugs to their patients.

The Health Department's interest in screening has also contributed to the increase. If a doctor finds an elderly patient has high blood pressure, he is likely to prescribe drugs to lower it.

Britain is one of the lowest European spenders on drugs. France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and Spain spend far more.

Papaya 'stops births'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE tropical fruit papaya could provide a powerful contraceptive, scientists at Sussex University believe.

The fruit contains an enzyme that can attack and disable progesterone, the hormone that prepares the womb for pregnancy. This enables it to act as a contraceptive or even to terminate a pregnancy, according to Dr Tharmalingam Senthilmohan and Dr Malcolm Topping of the chemistry department at Sussex.

Dr Senthilmohan says: "Women in Sri Lanka use papaya fruit as contraceptives because they are cheap and natural."

☐ Menopausal women who take evening primrose oil to stop hot flushes are wasting their money, according to a survey in the British Medical Journal. The oil has no effect, American researchers say.

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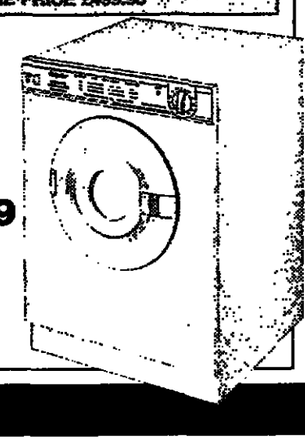


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M11 'tribe' digs in for fresh battle

By Andrew Pierce

■ After their eviction from Wanstead, motorway campaigners are preparing a new frontline further along the route

PROTESTERS who battled for ten hours to stop the demolition of six Edwardian houses in the path of the M11 extension have staked out a new battleground in dozens of condemned properties further along the route.

Even before the dust had settled, the 300 campaigners, who had arrived at Wanstead, east London, in coaches from all over Britain, were planning their tactics to keep the contractors at bay in the next phase of the extension in Leytonstone. Up to 350 properties are threatened with demolition to make way for the £200 million road to Hackney Wick.

The symbolic heart of the new campaign is a 200-year-old yew tree by Fillebrook Road around which eight protesters live in "benders", or tarpaulin tents. Many of them are members of the self-styled Donga and Flower Pot tribes. Some were born in benders. Having christened Wanstead the republic of Wanstonia, it was inevitable that the yew tree, which will be one of the main battlegrounds, would be dubbed Leytonstonia.

A camp fire burns each day to keep the encampment's occupants warm. John Chambers, 33, one of the residents, had spent his unemployment cheque on the trip to Wanstead from Hampshire. Mr Chambers, who took part in the protracted campaign to stop Sainsbury's building a giant supermarket in Yeovil, Somerset, said: "People say we are sponging off the state, but it is worthwhile being concerned about the environment. It is an excuse not to be on the dole because I cannot be looking for work so benefits can be stopped. We are also accused of being outsiders. This is a global campaign and many local people do not want this road."

John Frost, 31, was on his rooftop perch in Wanstead for almost 10 hours and was one of the last to be winched off. He said: "We got used to the cold. You develop an inner calm but sometimes it was frightening. Every time any of us moved there was a risk that we would fall off. But I will do exactly the same to save Leytonstonia. It is worth the risk."

One of the architects of the Wanstonia campaign, Michelle Telford, 29, is occupying a semi-detached house with her two young children and about a dozen other people in Fillebrook Road on which eviction notices have been served. She arrived from another road protest in Newcastle upon Tyne.

She said: "We are all moving in and we are staying in. The fight goes on. We will be able to have 1,000 people here within one hour's notice when they try to knock down these houses. These are now our homes."

Handwritten notices have been put up in the windows warning bailiffs to stay away. Blue plaques — "This house was once a home" — adorn some of the properties. The interiors of many were stripped by the authorities when the Department of Transport compulsorily purchased them, but most have gas, electricity and water.

☐ Judgment was reserved yesterday in Greenpeace's last-ditch High Court attempt to halt the Thorp nuclear processing plant. Mr Justice Potts, who headed the nine-day judicial review on the £2.8 billion plant, said he hoped to give his decision on March 4 because the next stage in commissioning the plant at Sellafield, Cumbria, is due to start on March 7.



JOHN MANNING

Campaigners discussing tactics at their encampment under an old yew tree on the route of the M11 extension through Leytonstone

'Wicked' mother left children alone

By A Staff Reporter

A YOUNG mother whose three-year-old son plunged from a second-floor window when she left him and his two-year-old sister at home alone was given a suspended prison sentence yesterday.

Imposing the nine-month term, suspended for two years, Judge Lynch told her: "You have been punished enough." He also told the 21-year-old woman, who cannot be named, that it was a "wicked and callous offence".

The two children have since been taken into care, and the judge warned the woman that she could also lose her youngest child, aged six months, if she offended in the future.

The woman, from Halewood, Merseyside, was convicted of cruelty towards the two children by abandoning them to go to a nightclub on March 21 last year.

Her son was seen hanging from the second-floor window by his fingertips before falling to the ground. He suffered bruising and grazes.

A neighbour ran upstairs and broke into the home, where he found the girl cowering in the corner, Rodney Halligan, for the prosecution, told Liverpool Crown Court.

The judge said the case was an exceptional one. "The first and foremost reason which puts this case in an exceptional category is the fact that you have effectively lost both children," he said.

"They have been placed in care with long-term foster parents and will eventually go to adoption. I accept that this must have had an enormous emotional effect upon you."

Judge Lynch said the woman had come to her senses. She had given birth since the incident and her six-month-old child was the subject of court proceedings concerning its future.

Treasure hunter can keep his dream find

By A Staff Reporter

A TREASURE hunter won a High Court battle yesterday over the ownership of his "dream find", a Tudor brooch worth about £35,000.

Ian Fletcher found the gold and sapphire pin in Farnham Park, Surrey, but the council which owns the park claimed it because Mr Fletcher was trespassing by digging up the brooch. An inquest had decided that the 15th or 16th-century brooch was lost accidentally and so was not treasure-trove to be surrendered to the Crown.

Mr Fletcher, 48, of Blackpool, found the brooch while metal-detecting during a visit to his brother in 1992. Yesterday Judge Fawcus said that Waverley Borough Council had failed to establish a claim strong enough to displace the maxim "finders keepers".

The judge said that in spite of the council's desire to prevent metal-detecting, it was a well-recognised hobby. "In my judgment, digging in response to the metal detector's signal, provided it is within reasonable bounds, is incidental to such recreational activity."

The brooch was the first item of value found by Mr Fletcher, a sewing machine retailer, in 20 years of metal-detecting. After the ruling he said: "It's a commonsense decision which can only benefit everybody who wishes to pursue a hobby that doesn't interfere with the rights of other people."

Ice walker aims for pole record

An explorer will set out next month on an attempt to become the first man to walk to the North Pole without outside supplies or support.

Rupert Hadow, 32, who has undertaken several previous Arctic expeditions, aims to raise £500,000 for the Prince's Trust and to set up a base for environmental research.

Sir Ranulph Fiennes, who got within 89 miles of the Pole with Dr Mike Stroud four years ago, is patron of the walk.

Baby buried

A baby who died waiting for a heart transplant was buried in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. George Jackson had spent most of his 31 days of life at Harefield Hospital, west London, after being born with a serious heart defect.

Not so choosy

More than seven out of ten dog and cat owners in a Gallup survey said their pets showed no preference for any kind of food, contradicting the claims of advertisers.

Cash find

A sum of £37,000 in cash found in a bin liner in a street in Holloway, north London, belongs to a schizophrenic man who has gone missing from his home, police said.

Ad for ex-staff

Avonmore Dairies in Fareham, Hamsphire, has placed an advertisement in a local paper recommending the qualities of 100 "reliable" staff it was forced to sack.

Horse grave

The skeletons of 20 decapitated horses have been found buried in medieval pits on the site of a barracks in Westminster.

Libyan assets

An auction in Canterbury of the contents of the former Libyan embassy in London has raised £10,000 to go to Tripoli.



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Children at exhaust height are hit worst by traffic fumes

BY TONY DAWE

SMALL children are most at risk from vehicle pollution, a survey carried out for *The Times* has revealed. Levels of carbon monoxide measured at the kerbside are much greater at 2ft 6in, where toddlers on foot or in push chairs inhale it, than at 6ft.

The survey, the first of its kind, was conducted by Friends of the Earth (FoE), which said that it confirmed the dangers facing young children on their way to school or the shops.

More than seven billion tonnes of carbon monoxide are pumped into the atmosphere in Britain every year, 90 per cent of it from vehicle exhausts. The pollutant causes drowsiness and headaches and regular doses may have a long-term effect.

The report has been welcomed by health and environmental campaigners, who said that it should help to fill the void left by the Government's inadequate air monitoring: the Environment Department has one kerbside monitoring site out of 46 automatic stations.

The survey, which was conducted in busy streets in London earlier this month, also found that levels of carbon monoxide were considerably lower 10ft back from the kerb. The highest levels were recorded in Upper Street, Islington, a shopping area and principal route into the West End from north London, where 14.65 parts per million were recorded at child height at the kerbside. Ten feet back from the kerb, the measurement was 7.75 parts per million.

Levels measured at child height at the kerbside were between 8 and 53 per cent higher than those at adult height and between 27 and 150 per cent higher than those recorded 10ft back from the kerb.

Fiona Weir, FoE's senior pollution campaigner, said: "We are talking about big differences here. These figures show why it is important if you are pushing your child to school to keep as far back from the kerb as possible."

She added that children could also be more vulnerable to this type of pollution. "They inhale more air in proportion to their body weight, have lungs that are still maturing, spend more time exercising outdoors and tend to breathe more through their mouths."

While carbon monoxide can slow reflexes as it enters the bloodstream and deprives the body of oxygen, other pollutants can have a greater effect on the lungs and impair breathing.

Julie-Ann Smith, from Greenwich, southeast London, suffers from asthma, as does her son, Cameron, 5. She said that they both feel the effects of heavy traffic fumes, especially on cloudy, still days. "I don't like walking down the main road to school or the shops but I have no alternative and I realise it is worse for Cameron closer to the pavement," Mrs Smith said.

Melinda Letts, director of the National Asthma Campaign, welcomed the survey for providing further evidence of the effects of air pollution. "We have a legitimate reason for saying to the Government that it has to do something about reducing vehicle emissions," she said. "We know they trigger worrying symptoms and attacks in people with asthma."

Recent reports commissioned by the Government have highlighted the effects of vehicle pollution on health and the environment, but ministers are still coming under fire for a lack of air quality monitoring.

Ms Weir said: "Our main criticism of the Government's monitoring sites is that they all record background air pollution. We need instead to be monitoring air quality closer to the heavy traffic which is responsible for much of the pollution."

The Environment Department's single kerbside site is in Cromwell Road, west London. It has seven sites monitoring nitrogen dioxide, another of the main vehicle pollutants, compared with 200 in Germany.

A European pollution directive states that the stations should be sited "where nitrogen dioxide concentrations are likely to be among the highest, particularly 'canyon' streets carrying heavy traffic, and major intersections". Examination of the sites in Britain shows that only the Glasgow station fulfils these criteria. One site, poking out of a window on the third floor of a building overlooking Victoria Station in London, is in a quiet one-way street. Ms Weir said: "I have stood there for an hour and counted six cars."

Some local councils are monitoring kerbside pollution. Westminster City Council believes it has proved the links between carbon monoxide and traffic.

Chris Cawley, the council's principal environmental health officer, said that at Marble Arch on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve carbon monoxide levels remained low during the day when there was little traffic but built up in the early hours of the following mornings as many people were on the move and there was no other obvious source of pollution.

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JULIAN HERBERT

How to protect your family from air pollution risk

BY LUCY BERRINGTON AND JACK CROSSLEY



AS THE evidence grows of direct links between air pollution and ill health — including cancer, heart disease, bronchitis and asthma — *The Times* questioned a team of experts on what individuals can do to reduce the risk. These are their answers.

☐ **What is the single most helpful measure I can take?**
Make an immediate decision to reduce car use. A 50 per cent cut in journeys under three miles would dramatically improve air quality. Air quality inside cars can be worse than outside; levels of benzene are higher. Keeping car windows closed makes little difference. Use shared transport.

☐ **Do children in push-chairs breathe dirtier air than the rest of us?**
Yes. Babies are better off in high-sided prams, above the level of exhaust discharge.

☐ **How can schools help?**
Children with asthma should be allowed to carry their inhalers and have access to a nurse or health visitor. Teachers should be cautious about having pets in classrooms. PE teachers should encourage the use of inhalers before exercise. Science teachers should be aware that chemicals can trigger attacks.

Parents and teachers should tackle the smog that collects when cars gather at school gates by organising car-sharing schemes.

☐ **What causes respiratory illness?**
Asthma is partly inherited. If one parent suffers, the chance of their child having asthma doubles. If both parents suffer, it increases fourfold.

There is moderate but mounting evidence that environmental factors, especially air pollutants such as car exhaust fumes, play a significant role. Other factors include a mother who smokes, indoor air pollution, animal fur and housemite droppings.

There is some evidence that the modern diet, with insufficient anti-oxidants such as vitamin C, has lowered our resistance to allergy diseases.

☐ **Is it worth getting daily information on pollution levels?**
Yes, if you or your child has breathing difficulties. Call the free Department of the Environment air quality phoneline on 0800 556677; otherwise try the local radio station or Ceefax.

☐ **Does exercise make me more susceptible to air pollutants?**
Avoid strenuous activity on hot summer afternoons when ozone levels are high. Jog in the early mornings.

☐ **Can filter masks help?**
Masks with activated carbon filters might help those who cannot avoid exercising when pollution levels are high. Filters should be changed frequently.

☐ **How healthy is the air in my home?**
Probably not very. A quarter of homes are unhealthily damp. Double-glazed and over-insulated, draught-free homes are often the worst affected, as moist air cannot escape.

☐ **How can I improve ventilation without sacrificing heating?**
Just a small drop in humidity levels can greatly reduce mould and house mites. Choose efficient forms of heating: large radiators emit much drier heat than oil or calor gas heaters. Outside walls and ceilings should be insulated to stop them being cool to the touch. Extractor fans might help. Open the windows regularly.

☐ **How else can I reduce indoor air pollution?**
Ban smoking in the home.

Many household furnishings and products, such as synthetic carpets, adhesives and solvents, release pollutants for several years.

Gas cookers are more polluting than electric cookers.

☐ **How important is cleaning?**
Ventilation is more useful than vacuuming, which redistributes allergens through the air. See the National Asthma Campaign factsheets on vacuum cleaners and dust control.

Do not wipe mould with a dry cloth, releasing allergenic spores; one in five people is susceptible. Use a solution of diluted bleach then treat with fungicide.

☐ **Should I take special measures at night?**
Beds, especially pillows, are very humid. Change mattresses and pillows regularly; one tenth of the weight of six-year-old pillows can represent old skin, mould, mites and mite dung. Dispense with a pillow. Air bed linen every morning, or hang outside on warm days. Vacuuming the mattress once a week might be helpful. See the NAC factsheet on beds and bedding. Keep a bedroom window partially open: it lowers humidity and wafts allergens outside.

☐ **Should I consider air pollution when choosing a holiday?**
Yes. High altitudes and cool climates help breathing. See NAC booklet *Asthma and Holidays*.

☐ **How can I find a car that causes least pollution?**
Catalytic converters are fitted to all new petrol cars but do not effectively cut pollution until the vehicles have warmed up: ask for a device that heats the catalyst. Second-hand cars can be fitted with a two-way catalyst.

☐ **What is the least polluting way to drive?**
Smoothly. Emissions and fuel consumption increase in stop-start driving. Switch off your engine if you expect to be stuck for more than a couple of minutes in a traffic jam and when waiting or making a delivery.

On hot days park in shade; it reduces evaporative hydrocarbon emissions.

☐ **How can my neighbourhood be improved?**
Encourage your local NAC branch to hold meetings on the issue. Lobby your local authority for pollution monitoring, and traffic restraints such as bus priority lanes and traffic calming. Press for town planning that puts people close to amenities.

☐ **Who can I contact for more information?**
British Lung Foundation, 6 Peterborough Mews, London SW6 3BL.

National Asthma Campaign, Providence House, Providence Place, London N1 0NT. See booklet no 11: *Asthma and the Environment*.

Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ.

☐ The team of experts was Dr Malcolm Green, chairman of the British Lung Foundation; Martyn Partridge, chief medical adviser to the National Asthma Campaign; Fiona Weir, campaigner with Friends of the Earth; Dr Fan Chung, senior lecturer in thoracic medicine at the National Heart and Lung Institute, London; and Dr John Whitelegg, director of Eco-Logica, a transport and environment consultancy.



Babies breathe in less pollution from traffic if they are in high-sided prams, above the level of kerb-side fumes, rather than in push-chairs



Diesels fuel asthma fears

THE switch to diesel cars could wreck efforts to clean the air, a Commons committee said yesterday (Tony Dawe writes).

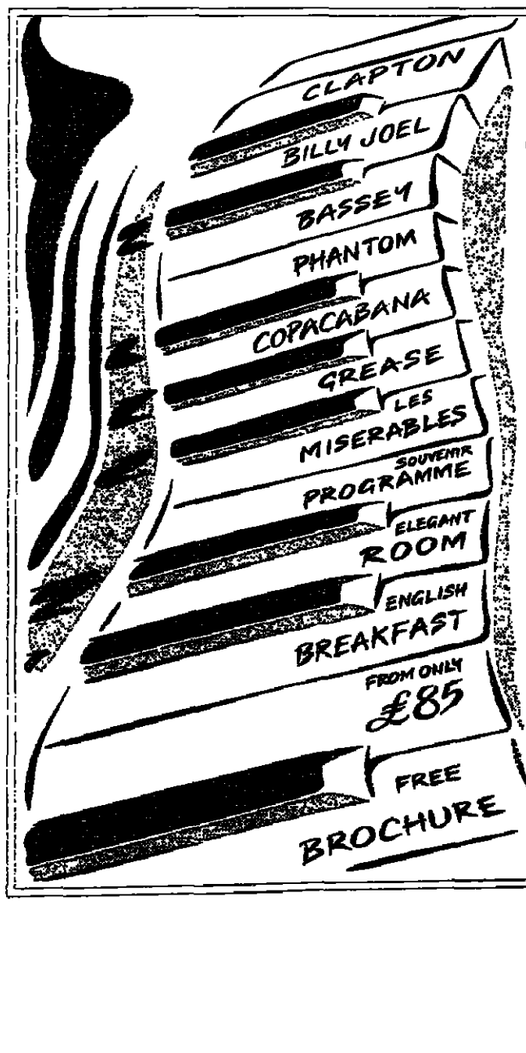
A report by the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology said that more diesel cars could lead to higher levels of nitrogen oxides, cancer-causing chemicals and carbon particulates in the atmosphere.

It said the problems would offset the advantages gained by the increasing use of catalytic converters to cut toxic fumes from petrol-driven cars.

The MPs pointed to strong evidence that asthma and other respiratory allergies are increasing and said that indoor air pollution, smoking and outdoor air quality added to the problem.

The Commons report underlined the findings last month of the Government's Quality of Urban Air Review Group, which said that the increase in the number of diesel vehicles in cities "is to be viewed with considerable concern". Dr Malcolm Green, chairman of the British Lung Foundation, said the science office report "confirms the effect that fine particles in diesel fumes can have on people with lung disease".

While diesel exhaust had been thought to be eco-friendly, it was now clear it could worsen lung diseases such as asthma. "Converting from petrol to diesel will not solve the problem. We need to clean up the air in our cities," Dr Green said.



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Documentary success revives fears over growing number of crime programmes

Shoplifting insight tops TV ratings

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A DOCUMENTARY about shoplifting that featured a convicted thief boasting of her ability to make up to £1,300 a day has shot to the top of television ratings.

"Shops and Robbers", part of the *Cutting Edge* series, will be repeated on Channel 4 at 5pm today and is expected to achieve a total audience of about ten million, making it the most popular factual programme in the station's 11-year history.

When the programme was first shown at 9pm on Monday it gave Channel 4 a 38 per cent share of the audience, roughly three times its average for 1993 and significantly more than the other channels. It is the first time the station, which has a remit to provide minority programming, has beaten all the other channels at peak time.

The programme's success has prompted a backlash from broadcasting watchdogs, who are concerned about the growing number of factual shows based on crime.

This week has seen the launch of two documentary series on gangland criminals, *The Underworld* on BBC1 and *Gangsters* on Carlton. Peak-time viewing in the past six days has also included *Michael Winner's True Crimes* on ITV, the reconstruction programme *Crimewatch UK*, BBC1's appeal for crime information, and a documentary about rape in the Channel 4 series *Dispatches*.

Colin Shaw, director of the Broadcasting Standards Council, which monitors taste and decency on television and radio, said that broadcasters needed to address the cumulative effect of such programmes. "The fact that there are now so many of them can make people disproportionately apprehensive that they may become a victim of crime. It diminishes their quality of life," he said.

The council published new guidelines this week which specifically tell programme makers: "Programmes built around the re-enactment of crime may, without much difficulty, turn into a form of exploitation for entertainment of the criminal activity itself, portraying it as morally neutral behaviour."

Mr Shaw conceded, however, that there is a deep-seated public fascination with watching crime on television. David Hart, who produced "Shops and Robbers", said its success was also due to the fly-on-the-wall style used for parts of it. "It gives viewers a real insight into worlds they may know very little about."

The programme features case studies of a number of shoplifters, including Julie Freestone, a well-dressed travelling thief who makes between £500 and £1,300 a day by stealing clothes from stores such as Marks & Spencer, damaging them and then returning them for a cash refund. Ms Freestone, who was known as Megan Brooks in the programme, has spent time in prison but appears unrepentant. She is now asking television companies wanting to follow up her story for an appearance fee, believed to be £300.

Sue Sadler, a spokeswoman for Marks & Spencer, said that she was not surprised at the programme's popularity. "I think that people were fascinated because they did not realise how serious shoplifting is. They seem to think of it as a petty thing, but it costs us £30 million in stolen goods and £20 million in security costs."

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Julie Freestone, a travelling thief featured in *Shops and Robbers*, captured by security cameras demanding a refund for stolen clothes

ITC lays down law on cult adverts

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NEW guidelines on religious advertising and sponsorship have been published by the Independent Television Commission after concern that some cults and fringe organisations might be using television to exploit vulnerable viewers.

The measure was prompted by complaints about three commercials and sponsorship deals on satellite and cable.

The ITC said a number of its rules had been breached, including a ban on religious advertisements from groups whose meetings were not directly accessible to the general public. In future the ITC said that religious bodies wanting to advertise or sponsor programmes will have to prove that their meetings are open to the public "without financial charges or unreasonable conditions being applied".

Stores struggle to stem tide of theft

BY ROBIN YOUNG

PART of the fascination of shoplifting for television viewers may be that so many do it themselves. More than 1.2 million customers are detained by shop managers and store guards for shoplifting every year. Four-fifths of shoplifting goes unnoticed at the time of the crime.

The rest of the £516 million losses estimated by the British Retail Consortium comes to light only as "shrinkage" during stocktaking. The Home Office has estimated that more than 80 people out of every thousand visiting a big store are likely to be stealing. Until 1834 shoplifting was a capital offence. As late as 1822 a teenager was hanged for stealing a loaf. Nowadays retailers deal with more than a third of shoplifters themselves without calling the police.

James May, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said: "If every shoplifter was handed to the police, the criminal justice system would grind to a halt."

In the past shoplifting has hit headlines as the criminal pastime of MPs, foreign diplomats, Arab princesses and television personalities, but storekeepers insist it is time for the public to revise its ideas on who shoplifts.

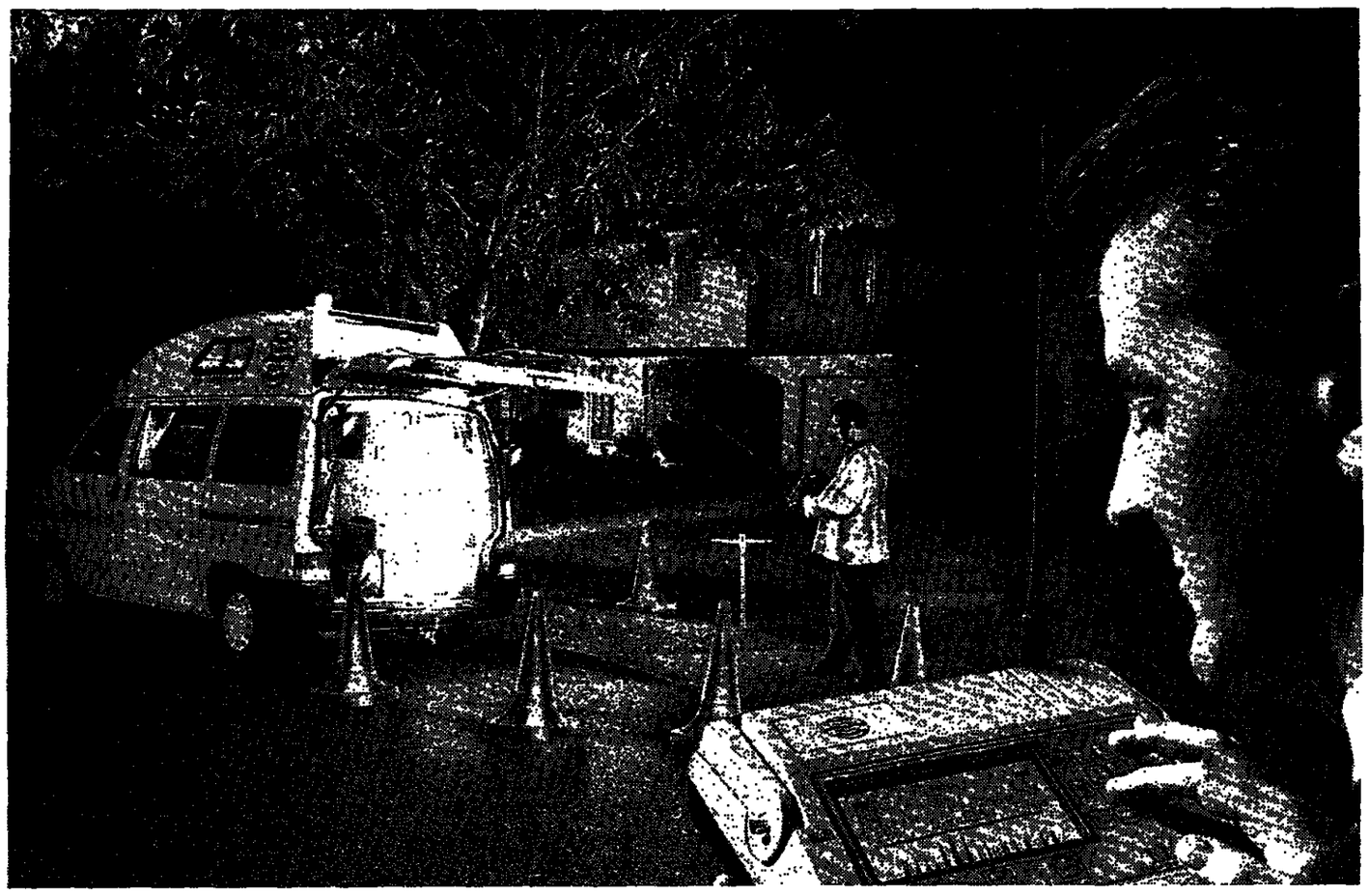
Though 707,000 suspected shoplifters are referred to the police each year, only a fraction are convicted or cautioned. In 1991, the last year for which records are available, 116,000 shoplifters were brought before the courts in England and Wales.

In an attempt to ensure that known shoplifters are adequately sentenced, some store chains now issue trespass notices to people who have been successfully prosecuted, so that if they re-offend in the same store they can be charged with burglary, which carries stiffer penalties.

Peter Gates, manager of Marks & Spencer in the Metro Centre, Gateshead, said: "We have to get away from treating shoplifting as a secondary crime. It is organised crime."

Mr Gates cited a case in which his store security cameras had caught a man stuffing trousers into a bag. When stopped he was found to have taken £520 worth already. Other shopkeepers tell of "Fagin's kitchens" full of children who thieve to order, and of shoplifters who bank their wages and live on the proceeds of theft.

The British Retail Consortium calculates that shop crime equates to taking £100 from every family's budget each year, as costs of £2 billion a year (including £370 million spent on prevention) are passed on in higher prices.



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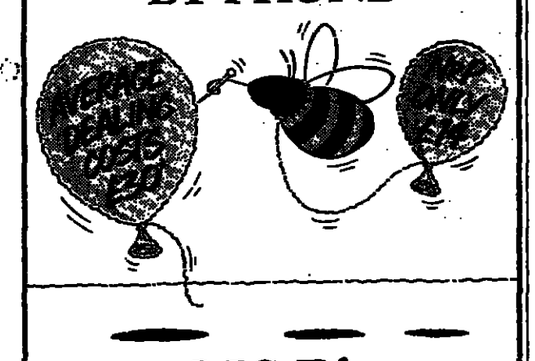
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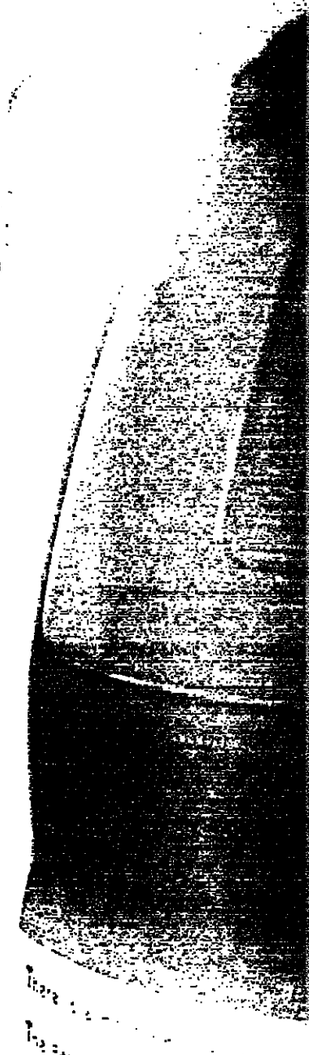
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Queen's Caribbean odyssey may be last of imperial tours

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN WHAT may be one of the last imperial progresses of its kind, the Queen flies out of London today to begin a three-week, eight-country tour of the Caribbean. It will be her first visit for nearly ten years.

Employing a combination of aircraft and the royal yacht *Britannia* to achieve a complex island-hopping itinerary, the Queen will visit six of the 16 realms and territories worldwide of which she remains head of state, together with the former British possessions of Guyana and Dominica.

Royal tours of such magnitude and style may shortly pass into history. The Queen, although thoroughly fit and well, is 67 and unlikely to retain indefinitely an appetite for such long and strenuous programmes, eased though they may be by relaxing days at sea. Besides, the future of the 40-year-old royal yacht is in doubt.

Buckingham Palace says that the theme of the Caribbean tour is to underpin democracy and good government in the region, and in the course of the next three weeks the Queen will address five parliaments on the subject.

Accompanied throughout by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen will also have in her entourage Baroness Chalker, the overseas development minister, and Mark Lennox-Boyd, a Foreign Office minister. British aid to the region is currently £40 million a year.

Russia is not the only country awaiting its first visit by the British monarch. Later today, the Queen will step for the first time onto the soil of the tiny island of Anguilla, whose 9,000 population rebelled in 1967 against political union with neighbouring St Kitts-Nevis, and where order was restored by a handful of Metropolitan Police constables.

The Queen's next visit will be the shortest of the tour — an hour on the airport tarmac at Dominica, just long enough for a brief meeting with the island's Prime Minister, Dame Eugenia Charles.

The royal party then flies on for a two-day visit to Guyana as guests of the President, Dr Cheddi Jagan, who led the former British Guiana to internal self-government in 1961.

In Belize, the Queen's visit will coincide with the final withdrawal of 1,800 British troops who have been guarding the country against threatened invasion from Guatemala. British defence cuts have closed the garrison, and only about a hundred British military personnel will remain, to train the Belize Defence Force.

Embarking on *Britannia*, the Queen will sail for the Cayman Islands. In Jamaica, the next stop, her programme has created a security nightmare by including a visit to downtown Kingston, an area of increasing lawlessness and drug-related crime.

The Queen completes her tour with visits to the Bahamas and Bermuda before flying back to London on March 10.

The complex and busy programme does not permit the Queen and England's touring cricket side to coincide at any stage. This is widely regarded as a pity although, as most of the opposition are also her subjects, it avoids any embarrassment about which team she should support.

Failure to split heirs on ski trip causes concern

THE Prince of Wales flew to Zurich yesterday with his sons Prince William and Prince Harry for a weekend's skiing during the half-term holiday from Ludgrove school, Berkshire (Alan Hamilton writes).

The princes, aged 11 and 9, were making their first visit to Klosters, Switzerland, the resort near Davos where Major Hugh Lindsay, a member of the Prince's party, was killed in an avalanche in 1988.

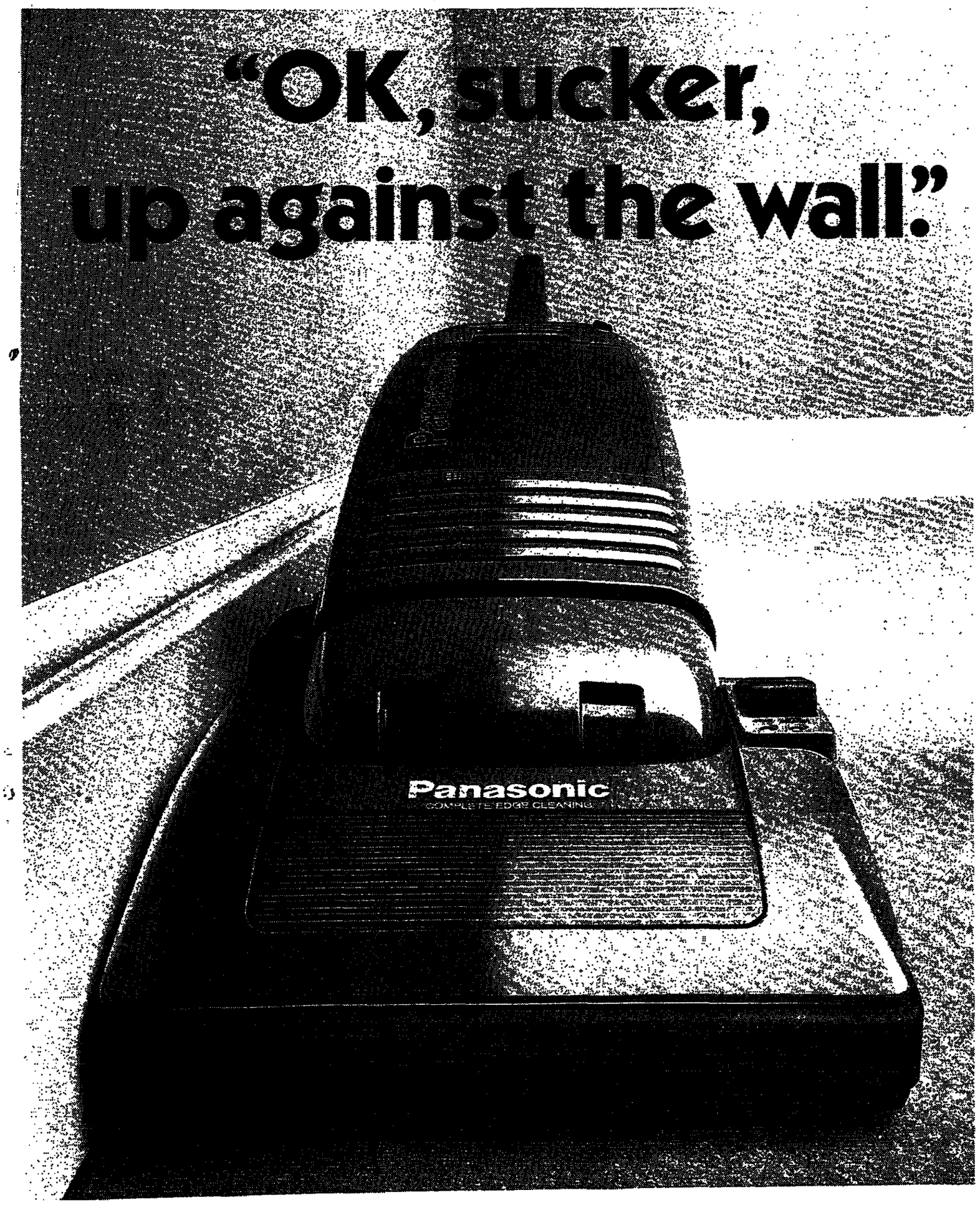
The young princes were introduced to skiing three years ago. Since then most of their experience has been with their mother, the Princess of Wales, at the Austrian resort of Lech. The Prince of Wales spent one day skiing with them there in 1992, but the holiday was cut short by the death of Earl Spencer, the Princess's father.

Concern has been expressed that the first, second and third in line to the throne were flying together in a BAe 146 aircraft of the Queen's Flight yesterday. Buckingham Palace said that safety risks were minimised by using a royal aircraft.



NEIL MUNNS

Shirley Bassey outside Buckingham Palace yesterday after receiving her CBE insignia from the Queen, before flying to New York last night to begin a world tour. "This is the cherry on the cake," the 57-year-old singer and former factory worker from Tiger Bay, Cardiff, said



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Fish prices escape the winter freeze

BY PATRICK NICHOLSON

WEEKEND SHOPPING

FISH supplies are plentiful and prices stable in spite of the extreme weather conditions. The week's best buy is haddock, with good fillets available at about £2.85 a lb.

Coley is in good supply, with fillets from £1.35 a lb. Cod cutlets at about £2.80 a lb and small whole plaice at £1.20 a lb are recommended. Oil-rich fish prices remain stable, with herrings at about 75p a lb, and mackerel about 90p a lb.

Pears are this week's best fruit buy, with varieties from England, Belgium, France and South Africa from 29p to 62p a lb.

The week's vegetable bargain is cabbage. English and Dutch Savoys and English Celtics are 18p-39p each. English and Dutch white and red cabbages are 18p-28p a lb.

British beef represents good value, with fillet steak at around £6.48 a lb, and topside and silverside at £2.28 a lb.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: Standard topside/silverside £2.28 a lb; loose courgettes 49p a lb; smoked cod fillets £2.69 a lb.

Budgen: Bowyers pork sausages 99p for 454g; loin of pork on the bone £1.29 a lb; Hovis white 49p for 800g.

Co-op: Quaker Sugar Puffs £1.39 for 450g; Shape natural cottage cheese 69p for 8oz; Ambrosia low-fat rice pudding 35p for 424g.

Gateway: British beef fillet steak £6.48 a lb; Brooke Bond Red Mountain coffee £1.19 for a 100g jar; Somerfield teacakes 39p for four.

Harrods: Italian dry sausage £2 for ¼lb; smoked goose breast £3.50 for ¼lb; oak smoked lined Scottish haddock £3.90 a lb.

Iceland: Lamb chops £2.99 a lb; cut green beans 69p for 2lb; breaded haddock steaks £1.99 for six; Neapolitan ice cream £1.99 for 2 litres.

Marks and Spencer: Danish ham 20 slices for £1.69; roast chicken pie £1.59; potato salad £59p for 225g pot; chocolate-cream biscuit selection £1.69.

Safeway: pork loin steak £1.98 a lb; frozen chilli con carne 340g for £1.19; buy Homepride plain or self-raising flour (1.5kg for 72p) and get Safeway class A size 3 eggs (69p for six) free.

Sainsbury: Danish unsmoked back bacon £2.19 a lb; diet yoghurt 4x125g for 85p; Red Label tea bags £1.25 for 160.

Tesco: Forerib of beef £2.98 a lb; large prawns £1.29 per ¼lb; loose cox apples 32p a lb; Arthur's catfood 390g tin — buy five and get the sixth free.

Waitrose: Cod fillets £1.99 a lb from the fish counter; Suntina oranges 99p for eight; ginger slices 79p; chicken olives £1.99.

Best wine buys:

Oddbins: (white) Cuvée Napa Brut £8.99; Lindemans Cawarra/Colombard 1993 (Australia) £3.69; Perrier Jouet N.V. Champagne £16.99.

Thresher: (red) Don Domingo £2.89; (white) Moldovan Rakatsiteli £2.99.

Victoria Wine: (red) Spanish Cabernet Sauvignon £2.99; Rivarey Rioja £3.49; (white) Marques De Vitoria Oaked £2.69.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Chess at the Tate

A massive chess statue is on show at the Tate Gallery in the main foyer. *A Royal Game* created between 1906 and 1911 by Sir William Reynold Stephens (1862-1943) depicts a haughty Elizabeth I playing chess (with galleons as pieces) against Philip II of Spain. Elizabeth, of course, has the winning position.

A man to watch

The young Russian Sergei Tiviakov has come from nowhere in the past year to qualify for the PCA World Championship cycle. In the quarter-final, set for New York in June, he faces Michael Adams. In the following game he dispatches Praveen Thipsay, the early leader in the tournament currently in progress in Calcutta.

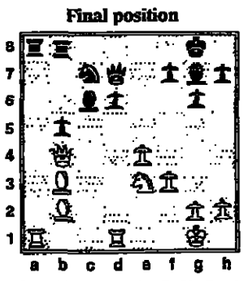
White: Sergei Tiviakov
Black: Praveen Thipsay
Calcutta, February 1994

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Qe2	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d6
9	Rd1	Bb7
10	d4	Nd7
11	Nbd2	Bf6
12	Nf1	g6
13	Ne3	Bg7
14	Bc2	Ne7
15	b4	exd4
16	cxd4	Nf8
17	d5	Qd7
18	Nd4	c5
19	Nb3	c4
20	Nd4	Rfe8
21	Qe1	Nc8
22	f3	Na7
23	Qb4	Reb8
24	axb5	axb5
25	b3	cxb3
26	Bxb3	Ne8
27	Bb2	Nc7
28	Nc6	Nxc6
29	dxc6	Bxc6

Black resigned without waiting for White's reply.

Final position



After 30 Bxg7 Kxg7 31 Rac1 Black is helpless against the dual threats of 32 Qc3+ and 32 Rxd6.

Simpson's Chess

After five rounds of the Baroque International at Simpson's-in-the-Strand in London, Ali Mortazavi, who has four points, has been joined in the lead by Neil McDonald and Demetrios Agnos. McDonald and Agnos are already international masters and Mortazavi needs 2.5 points from his last four games to secure an international master performance.

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Labour injured by 'friendly fire' in Commons warfare

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Opposition is tripping itself up over its policy of non co-operation with the Government in Parliament. This has involved votes on non-contentious issues and the withdrawal of pairing between MPs which allows them to be away, in their constituencies and on other business. But in their delight at forcing Tory backbenchers to hang around in case of snap votes, Labour MPs are forgetting the impact outside the introverted world of Westminster.

Labour protests reached the height of absurdity on Wednesday when 50 MPs, mainly on the left but including several whips, voted against the measures raising social security benefits, including pensions, and compensating pensioners for VAT on fuel. That was a rare gift for the Tories. Gerry Malone, the party's deputy chairman, wondered whether the votes marked "the end of Labour's campaigns against underfunding of the welfare state and the start of campaigning for reductions in spending on it".

Labour broke off relations two months ago after the Government imposed a guillotine limiting debate to a single day on two post-Budget Bills increasing national insurance contributions and changing the arrangements on statutory sick pay. This was sharp practice by the Government, reflecting its failure to allow sufficient time after the new unified Budget in late November. But both Bills have now become law. The Opposition was justified in reacting then and has found further reasons for complaint in the Government's macho approach, such as imposing guillotines limiting debate to a single day and its habit of making statements to squeeze Labour out of prime television time on days when it has initiated debates.

But some Labour's protests ignore the implications. This applies not just to Wednesday's votes on pensions but also to a ban on trips by select committees. This has blown up into a furious row on the Trade and Industry Committee, where Tory MPs have tabled a motion of no confidence in the Labour chairman over the dropping of a visit to South Africa. A decision has been postponed until early March; and Sir Terence Higgins, chairman of the Liaison Committee, representing all select committees, has been trying to defuse the row. But he has so far failed to persuade John Smith to exclude select committees from the policy of non co-operation.

Labour's approach is self-defeating since most select committee reports are critical of the Government. That explains why ministers are relaxed about Labour's tactics. Non co-operation has not really worried the Government at all. When there has been the slightest hint of delaying tactics by the Opposition, guillotines have been imposed. Some Labour MPs have conceded that this produces a more sensible structure of the debates. The Government is also getting its legislation when it wants.

The losers have been backbench MPs because of the withdrawal of pairing. Tory MPs have responded by demanding implementation of the two-year-old report on reform of Commons procedures from an all-party committee chaired by Michael Jopling. Such changes usually only proceed by agreement, though guillotines were originally introduced in the 1880s in response to obstruction by Irish members. Senior Tories are floating the possibility that reforms could be pushed through now in a similar way, although the Jopling proposals on timetabling of debates are being implemented by stealth.

The current row shows Parliament at its worst — a mixture of Government arrogance and unthinking stubborness from the Opposition.

PETER RIDDELL

Minister promises rethink on Police Bill

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government again sounded the retreat on aspects of its Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill yesterday as peers from all parties kept up their pressure during the Bill's committee stage in the Lords.

While not reaching the drama of Tuesday's proceedings, when the Government backed away from confrontation that would have led to certain defeat over central proposals in the Bill, the unpopularity of the legislation was again clearly apparent.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, a Labour spokesman on home affairs, described provisions in the Bill giving the Government powers to restrict parliamentary consideration of proposed amalgamations of police forces as "an affront to the procedures of the House". He was backed by Lord Peyton, the rebel Tory, who is a former Transport Minister, and Lord Simon of Glaisdale, a former Solicitor General.

Earl Ferrers, the Home Office Minister, agreed to reconsider the provisions and also conceded a Labour amendment that the consultation period for proposed amalgamations be extended from two months to four.

'Haste' over Eastleigh poll attacked

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR was embroiled in a heated political row last night over its decision to start campaigning for the Eastleigh by-election before Stephen Milligan's funeral had been announced. Labour was accused of "tasteless action" while the Tories were charged with "hypocrisy".

On Wednesday Jack Straw, the shadow Environment Secretary, told a party meeting in Eastleigh that Labour was better placed than ever to pick up seats in the South, both in the local government and by-elections.

Yesterday Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory Party chairman, described Mr Shaw's decision to start campaigning as ill-judged. It was unfortunate that Labour had not allowed the traditional decent interval to take place after an MP's death, he said. "Mr Straw's tasteless action will not impress voters either in Eastleigh or elsewhere."

Today Labour will further incite the Tories by sending Frank Dobson, the shadow Transport Secretary, to Eastleigh.

Mr Straw accused the Tories of hypocrisy. He said they had appointed their agent for the Eastleigh by-election only two days after Mr Milligan's death. In a letter to Sir Norman, Mr Straw argued that his meeting at Eastleigh was fixed some time ago. He also pointed out that Virginia Bottomley had arranged to visit Eastleigh today.

He drew Sir Norman's attention to the fact that Peter Madsen, chairman of the local Tory association, had raised the by-election last week and association members had taken part in local media programmes to discuss the election. "In view of this does not the adjective 'tasteless' apply rather more to your party's actions, and might not the adjective 'hypocritical' be added to it?" he said.

Tory Party chiefs dismissed Mr Straw's charges, claiming that he had been caught out and "was now squealing". They said Mrs Bottomley's trip to Eastleigh had been organised some time ago by the Health Department and she would not be involved in any campaigning or party activities, nor would she be mentioning the by-election.

Labour insisted last night that it had a chance of pulling off a spectacular by-election win as it did in 1990 at Mid Staffordshire, where it overturned a 14,000 Tory majority. Officials claimed that victory hastened the demise of Mrs Thatcher and the poll tax. Labour plans to use Eastleigh as a focus for gaining key local government seats in the Southampton area on May 5.

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The week in Parliament

House of Commons
Today: Chiropractors Bill, 2nd reading.
Monday: Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, committee.
Tuesday: Intelligence Services Bill, 2nd reading.
Wednesday: Sunday Trading Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday: Debate on "The Unelected State".
Friday: Antarctic Bill, 2nd reading.
House of Lords
Monday and Tuesday: Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, committee stage continued.
Wednesday: Debate on the UN year of the family.
Thursday: Trade Marks Bill, report.

Gardiner fails to head off challenge

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR George Gardiner is expected to be challenged for the leadership of the backbench Tory right in a contest that will revive internal tensions over John Major's leadership.

Sir George, a staunch Thatcherite, is almost certain to be opposed by Sir Anthony Durant, a former Government whip, in an election for the chairmanship of the 80-strong 92 Group.

Sir Anthony, a self-proclaimed loyalist, and his backers will be seeking to punish Sir George for his opposition to the Maastricht Treaty and for allegedly sniping at John Major's leadership.

The trigger for the challenge was the botched meeting earlier this month when Mr Major brusquely dismissed an attempt by Sir George to influence the shape of the next Cabinet reshuffle.

The contest, to be decided by secret ballot, is an echo of the pre-Christmas putsch against Sir George when he was voted off the executive of the 1922 committee. Polling ends on March 4.

All Tory backbenchers were allowed to vote then, but this time the ballot will be restricted to centre-right members of the 92 Group, which Sir George has led for the past decade.

The initial forecasts were that the Reigate MP would hold on to his post. Sir Anthony, the MP for Reading West, was said to be too close to the Whips' Office and the party establishment to be confident of depriving Sir George of his last power base.

However, it was clear that even hardline Conservative right-wingers believe that Sir George has overplayed his hand at times during the tumultous events of the past 18 months.

One right-wing Tory said: "We don't want to be disloyal but we don't want to be emasculated either. The feeling is that Durant's views are too centrist for the 92. If it elected him, it might as well dissolve itself."

Sir George has promised to step down as chairman of the 92 Group next year and hand over to a younger right-winger. However, this ploy has failed to head off Sir Anthony's challenge.

Peer risks losing whip

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government is being urged by furious Tory peers to withdraw the party whip from Lord Peyton, the most persistent and effective of its backbench critics in the Lords.

Government loyalists and some ministers argue that allowing Lord Peyton to escape punishment sets a bad example to other potential rebel peers. "You can get away with that sort of thing once or perhaps twice, but not three, four or five times," a senior Tory peer said this week.

The final straw came when Lord Peyton spoke out against the Police Bill on Tuesday immediately after Viscount Whitelaw had given his blessing to the legislation.

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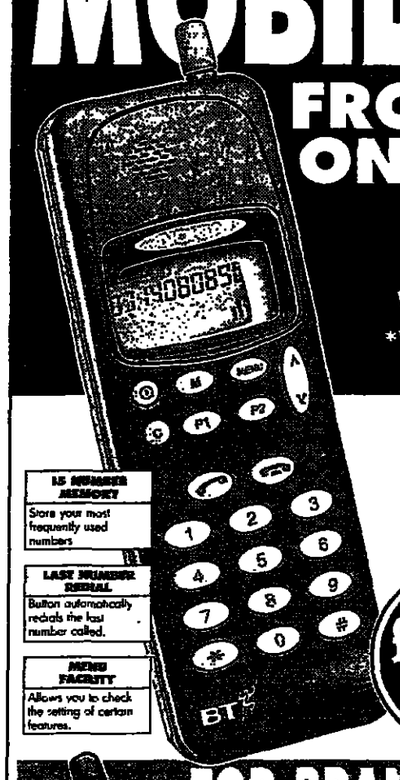
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Buthelezi sweeps aside Mandela's compromise offer

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ The Zulu leader has rejected the ANC deal as cheap politicking. Nelson Mandela insists the door is still open for bargaining

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi dashed hopes of a peaceful end to South Africa's constitutional wrangling by castigating the deal offered by Nelson Mandela as "cheap politicking on life and death issues".

The Chief Minister for KwaZulu and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party went through Mr Mandela's proposal, which was endorsed by President de Klerk on Wednesday, item by item. In each case the objection appeared to be a preliminary to further negotiation, with the Zulu leader setting up a bargaining position.

Mr Mandela, president of the African National Congress, said yesterday in The Hague, where he is visiting Dutch leaders: "It does appear that he has left the door open, if there is clarity on the offers which the ANC has made. I think, therefore, it is premature for us to decide that he has rejected the offer."

He went further, adding that the concessions were not necessarily the last. "In a case where you are trying to build a new country, there can be no last concessions," he said. "Concessions are inherent in negotiations. We want an inclusive process and we will do everything in our power to ensure that everybody participates."

Meetings have been arranged by the Freedom Alliance, which links Inkatha and the government of the homeland of Bophuthatswana with the white rightwingers of the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Volksfront. Delegations from the ANC and the Bophuthatswana government will meet today. Senior Inkatha officials held a conclave with the chief yesterday.

Chief Buthelezi's statement accused Mr Mandela of "utter hypocrisy" in introducing his proposals as a breakthrough when they were merely a representation of ideas that had caused a deadlock. On the proposal guaranteeing self-determination, he said that until there was a wording different from the principle rejected by the Volksfront and the Freedom Alliance, "there is no way forward on this issue".

On the promise that provincial governments will not suffer a lessening of the powers under the interim constitution, Chief Buthelezi said: "What earthly use is it to be guaranteed less than the powers you have, when what is proposed you have is ridiculously inadequate?" But more serious is that Chief Buthelezi has resurrected an objection as an essential demand.

"Every democratic constitution relies on special majorities before constitutions can be amended. Instead of this universally accepted norm, the 1993 constitution has deadlock-breaking mechanisms which dictate that the only constitution put to experts and before the electorate in a referendum could, and probably will, be adopted by a 50 plus 1 per cent majority — the majority of a ruling party ... Ruling parties do not write constitutions designed to ensure changes of government through the electoral process."



President Kim Il Sung of North Korea, left, relaxing with Kim Jong Il, his heir apparent, at Baegdu San mountain recently

Kim's heir injured in mystery accident

BY DAVID WATTS

KIM Jong Il, son and heir apparent of North Korea's Stalinist leader Kim Il Sung, is reported to have been injured in an unexplained accident.

The news of the latest incident in the life of the nominal commander of North Korea's one-million-man army came from a South Korean MP. Lee Ki Taek, leader of the Democratic Party, said he had been told by an American official that the junior Mr Kim had sustained serious but unspecified injuries.

"I do not know whether the critical injuries Kim Jong Il sustained were from a traffic accident or from a shooting," Mr Lee said in Seoul. "But it does not seem to be from natural causes." Adding to the air of drama, Mr Lee did not reveal his source. In Washington, the Central Intelligence Agency had no comment.

It is not the first time that disaster is said to have befallen the "Dear Leader" — there have been numerous reports of assassination attempts against him, including a reported plot to blow up a train in which he was travelling three years ago.

Despite the big celebrations for Mr Kim's 52nd birthday on Wednesday, there were no sightings on television of the heir to the North Korean "crown". An official at Seoul's Naewoe Press, which monitors North Korean media, said Kim Jong Il had not been seen in public since December 9, when he attended a meeting of the Supreme People's Assembly, North Korea's parliament. But that is not necessarily unusual: Mr Kim sometimes disappears from public view for months, especially when he has offended his father by taking an inappropriate political line. He is generally thought to have been behind the North Koreans putting their country on war alert last year, an order that was rescinded after only 24 hours.

Many also believe he was behind last year's defiance of the international community when North Korea refused inspectors access to nuclear plants where the United States and the West believe atomic arms are being developed. Equally, if he has suffered an accident it might explain why Pyongyang is taking a softer line on the inspection of its nuclear sites and is ready to allow access to seven of them, although not to those two which are most suspect in the eyes of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In Seoul last night South Korea announced that it would cancel this year's military exercises with the United States if North Korea kept its promise to accept nuclear inspections and negotiate seriously with its neighbour. Lee Hoi Chang, the South Korean Prime Minister, and other Cabinet members had met to discuss the North's decision to allow inspectors to enter the seven nuclear sites.

Aidid woos West over tea and cake

FROM DAVID CHAZAN IN NAIROBI

GENERAL Muhammad Farrah Aidid has launched a new campaign: to fashion his world image as a statesman, not a warlord.

To do so he has moved his field of action from Mogadishu's sandy back alleys to a fifth-floor suite in a luxury Nairobi hotel. Behind his back, the bellboys call him the "absentee warlord". But the guerrilla leader whose plastic-sandalled fighters humiliated the United Nations and forced American troops to abandon Somalia is too busy cultivating the image of a statesman to know or care. As factional feuding, attacks on foreign aid workers and kidnappings rise, General Aidid woos rivals, allies, diplomats and aid officials over tea and cake at the Serena Hotel, where his entourage and bodyguards rarely leave their ten rooms. The Kenyan government is reportedly footing part of his $2,000 (£1,360) a day bill.

Since the UN withdrew its arrest warrant in November for the killing of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers, the former ambassador to India has launched diplomatic offences meeting the Presidents of Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda in an effort to prove he is a man they can do business with. Some diplomats say his discussions with clan and faction leaders may be nearing agreement on a deal that could save Somalia from renewed civil war after American and other Western forces withdraw next month. Many analysts remain pessimistic about peace.

□ **Mogadishu:** About 200 men, some armed, blockaded British mine-clearance experts at a Somali compound yesterday and demanded money to let them leave, aid workers said.

The blockade of workers for the British company, Rimfire, in the northwest city of Hargeisa, followed a militia attack on Wednesday and the refusal of a militia controlling the airport to hand in weapons. The former militiamen are local Rimfire employees who want a pay rise. *(Reuter)*



Taj Mahal, under attack from factory pollution

Hope rekindled for yellowing Taj Mahal

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN AGRA

THE Taj Mahal, yellowing and decaying in one of India's foulest and fastest-growing cities, may have a hope of long-term survival after a supreme court order forcing the government to curb pollution.

For decades, successive governments have largely ignored international warnings that the Taj was being eroded by noxious emissions from hundreds of factories in Agra, a main industrial centre in northern India.

M. C. Mehta, a Delhi attorney, convinced the supreme court that the Taj was seriously neglected. Last year the court ordered the government to close 230 polluting industries in the immediate vicinity until they installed pollution control devices. About 100 have reopened after complying, but Mr Mehta says they cannot be trusted to continue following the rules.

He has two other concerns. He says the Taj is being cleaned with chemicals to make it whiter, without any knowledge about possible long-term damage. He is also alarmed at plans to install a cable-car system round the Taj to attract more tourists.

Officials say that levels of pollution have declined significantly since the factories were brought under control. Mr Mehta argues, however, that the Taj remains under attack from a ton of sulphur dioxide emitted every day from a government-owned oil refinery 35 miles away. "Until this is brought under control, the building will continue to decay."

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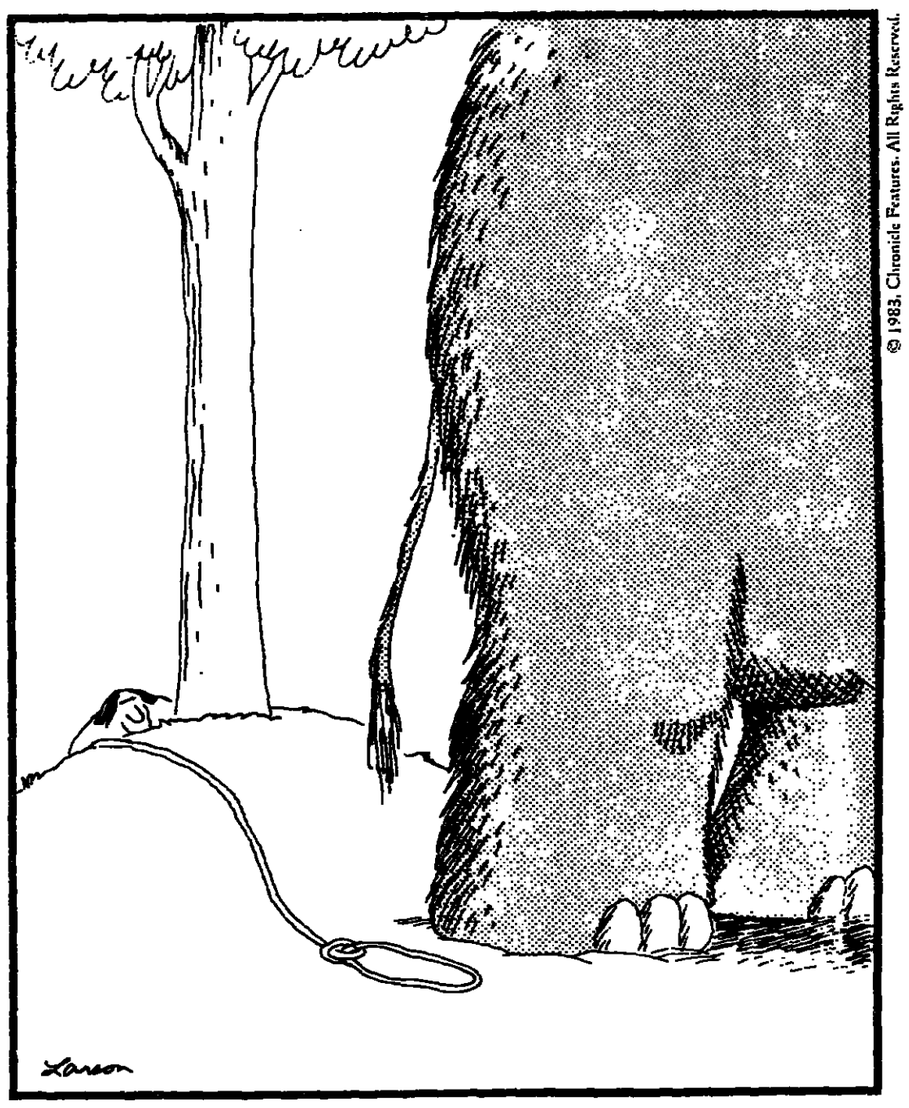
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Whitewater net spreads wider

Grand jury to focus on Clinton deals

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ The Whitewater enquiry could drag on well into next year. If it does, it will cast a shadow over Bill Clinton's 1996 campaign

THE special prosecutor's investigation into the Whitewater affair, involving the land deals of President and Mrs Hillary Clinton and their links to a failed savings institution, is turning out to be on a far broader scale than was at first envisaged.

Robert Fiske, the prosecutor, has won agreement from a federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, to appoint a grand jury that will be devoted exclusively to the case. Grand juries examine evidence presented by a prosecutor, listen to witnesses and decide if charges should be brought, much as a magistrates' court does in Britain.

Mr Fiske said his enquiries might last 18 months, cover more than a million documents and involve 20 or more FBI agents and other investigators. This team might need to question as many as 300 potential witnesses, including the Clintons.

Mr Fiske intends opening offices in Washington and New York in addition to Little Rock. He already has a press officer and is expected to hire a staff of up to ten lawyers.

In agreeing to Whitewater having its own panel of 23 grand jurors, Judge Stephen Reasoner said: "The duties of any grand jury investigating this matter are much more extensive than the court had previously envisioned."

The Whitewater affair hinges on whether funds from Madison Savings and Loan were improperly diverted to Mr Clinton's campaign for the governorship of Arkansas in 1984. At issue as well is whether the Whitewater property development, in which the Clintons were investors, benefited from a government loan to the wife of Jim McDougal, their partner. Also under investigation are allegations of possible conflict of interest by the Rose law firm, where Mrs Clinton previously worked with Vince Foster, who accompanied the Clintons to the White House and committed suicide last July.

The growing scope of the investigation could prove ominous for Mr Clinton. The grand jury might not deliver its verdict much before the end of next year, when candidates will be preparing for the 1996 presidential election.

Mr Clinton expressed irritation with the case on radio yesterday. "It's a simple, straightforward thing and it'll be shown to be," he said. "I'm absolutely comfortable with that. I'm amazed by all the twists and turns of interpretation that's been given."

Mr Fiske also said that he would proceed next month with the first Whitewater prosecution. This involves David Hale, an Arkansas venture capitalist and former municipal judge, who is accused of defrauding the Small Business Administration.



BETTE Midler, the comedienne and actress, giving evidence in the breach of contract against her in Los Angeles. Midler, along with Twentieth Century Fox, is being sued for allegedly stealing another woman's story for her 1991 film, *For The Boys* (Giles Whittell writes). The battle of the belles surfaced briefly in court on Wednesday when Midler spent a day testifying in a $1 million (£680,000) law suit filed against her in August, 1992, by Martha Raye, whose brassy song-and-dance routine entertained American troops in the Second World War, Korea and Vietnam. Raye, 77, who is wheelchair-bound and suffering from pneumonia, claims *For The Boys* was based on her life, but Midler said in court that 'the stories have no resemblance except for one thing: they were both about entertainers during wartime". Raye is claiming a percentage of the film's profits in addition to damages, despite the fact that the film was a failure at the box office.

Midler taken to court over film

NEWS IN BRIEF

Accused in bomb case was a 'stooge'

New York: As the World Trade Centre bombing trial nears completion this week, a lawyer for one of the four defendants admitted that his client was involved in a terrorist plot but insisted he was simply the stooge of a "professional" Iraqi terrorist (Ben Macintyre writes). Muhammad Salameh, the lead defendant, was "manipulated by a devious, evil genius who came to this country with a single mission — to destroy American targets", Robert Precht, his attorney, said, summing up his case.

"You all know who that individual is," Mr Precht said, turning to the jury: "Ramzi Ahmed Yousef." Ramzi Yousef is a fugitive in the case who fled to Pakistan the night of the explosion and has not been seen since. Another fugitive Iraqi defendant, Abdul Yasin, also disappeared after giving information to the FBI and is now believed to be in Iraq. "The two major pieces of this puzzle are missing and they are both in Iraq," Mr Precht said. The defendants each face life imprisonment if convicted of setting the bomb.

Aid granted

Phnom Penh: The United States will grant humanitarian aid to guerrillas who defected from the Khmer Rouge, the American embassy said. A US Air Force plane will deliver 20 tonnes in military surplus for distribution among fighters. *(AFP)*

Civilians flee

Kabul: Thousands of civilians fled eastern front-line areas, in a mass exodus, during a cease-fire between factions fighting for and against President Rabbani in the Afghan capital. Most headed for the relatively safe northwest district of Kabul. *(AFP)*

Staff told to go

Manila: The Philippine Immigration Commissioner has ordered 33 foreigners, including 12 Britons, employed here by the Hongkong Bank in place of sacked strikers, to leave the country. They were flown in last month to replace the striking workers. *(Reuter)*

UN appeals

Geneva: A United Nations official investigating human rights in Cuba called on Havana to end political discrimination in jobs and education, and to provide more information on prison conditions. He urged the United States to lift its trade embargo. *(AFP)*

Chicken for all

Baghdad: Iraqi families, many of whom can not afford meat or fowl under the impact of UN sanctions, will all get a cheap chicken from the state during Ramadan, reported *Babil*, the paper published by President Saddam Hussein's son, Uday. *(Reuter)*

US puts a price on freedom

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ALTHOUGH the words at the base of the Statue of Liberty urge other nations to send their huddled masses yearning to breathe free, such freedom will soon have a price.

The US Immigration Service has decided to charge all arrivals seeking asylum $130 (£88.50), making America the first country to impose a fee on those who claim to be fleeing from persecution.

The levy is intended to help pay for processing the backlog of claims and to deter new applicants. A more effective deterrent is likely to be a regulation denying asylum-seekers a work permit for at least five months, leaving them at the mercy of friends or to find jobs illegally.

Last year 150,000 people sought political asylum in America, mostly from Central America, China, the former Soviet Union and Liberia. More than 364,000 applications are waiting to be heard, but last year only 24,000 claims were dealt with, 18,000 of which were denied.

Immigration officials said political asylum was being abused by people who wanted to reach America solely for economic reasons. Provision would be needed for those who were unlikely to have the fee, such as Haitian boat people. The crackdown comes two weeks after 1,000 agents were added to the Mexican border.

Anti-Aids class alarms parents

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A Christian sex education programme that trumpets the virtues of abstinence and teaches that Aids can be transmitted by French kissing has raised a storm in southern California and threatens to become the focus of a battle between religious moralists and parents anxious to protect their civil liberties.

In Acacia Middle School, near San Diego, 12 and 13-year-olds in Bonnie Park's sex respect class are given T-shirts saying "Stop at the lips" and badges with the slogan "I'm worth waiting for". They chant refrains such as "Be confident! Be a virgin!", "Do the right thing! Wait for the ring!", and "Don't be a louse! Wait for your spouse!"

A parent who felt the class was imbuing her son with guilt and shame about his sexuality withdrew him from the school and is preparing to take the case to court if sex respect is not dropped from the health education curriculum.

Sex respect was conceived as an MA thesis by a Catholic education graduate and adapted for public schools with $300,000 funding from the Reagan Administration. It is taught in 1,600 schools in the United States and 24 other countries. Publishers of the course textbooks say they have received orders from Britain. The course was outlawed in one Louisiana parish last year and has split school boards in North and South Carolina, Connecticut and Wisconsin.

The student textbook devotes four chapters to arguing that Aids can be spread by French kissing, saying that "anyone can be carrying your death warrant". In a section called "Sex Tips for a Safe Date", pupils are exhorted to "keep all of your clothes all the way on all of the time. Don't let any part of anyone else's body get anywhere between you and your clothes".

Maureen Bryan, who withdrew her son from Acacia Middle School, believes that teaching sex respect in a public school breaks federal law by blurring the line between state and church. More particularly, she believes: "It is a problem to teach fear and guilt and shame about sexuality because it doesn't go away when you walk down the aisle." She contends the course falls far short of the comprehensive sex education required by state law.

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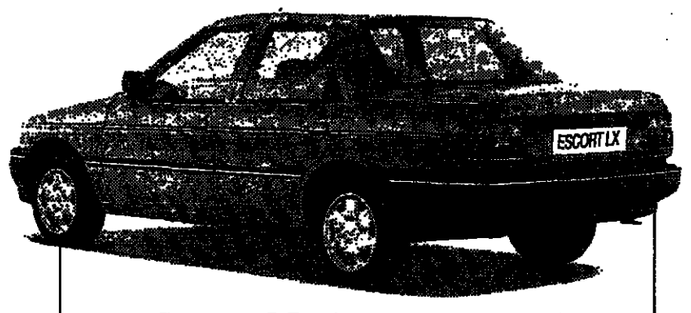
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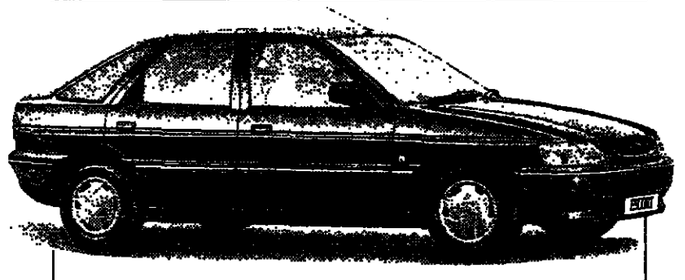
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Cairo clamps down on foreign reports of Islamic violence

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

■ Rattled by fundamentalist threats to tourists and investors, the government has turned its anger on the overseas media

EGYPT yesterday ordered a clampdown, including the threat of interrogation and legal action, against foreign journalists suspected of filing allegedly biased reports about the security situation.

The move came after official dismay at the international reaction to reports from Cairo that Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, the main armed Muslim extremist group, had issued what it styled "a final warning" for all foreign tourists and investors to leave.

The extent of the crisis which the government has consistently sought — with the help of a costly Western-run public relations campaign — to play down was revealed by official figures showing that this week alone 942 suspected militants have been detained.

Last night police disclosed that shots were fired by suspected Islamic militants at a cruise boat carrying 17 tourists up the Nile in southern Egypt on Wednesday. Cruise boats have been a particular target of the extremists and many are now moored without passengers. Western journalists reacted with scepticism to a statement issued by the Interior Ministry in Cairo which denied the shooting was an attack, attributing it instead to farmers "who normally shoot to protect their agricultural land".

Tension has been fuelled by four recent Islamic bomb attacks on Cairo banks and a warning that all those paying interest against Islamic tradition will become targets in another week. Officials have also been embarrassed by reports that Romanian and Polish workers have fled from the regional capital of Assiut after Islamic gunmen ambushed a bus carrying Romanian engineers there.

Official anger was reflected in the *Egyptian Gazette* which said in an editorial: "You cannot miss the maliciousness, lies as well as exaggerations in any report on Egypt. It is as though the foreign media want to instigate the terrorist groups to make their threats."

Attempts have been made to harass a number of Western correspondents, particularly those believed to have contacts with Muslim fundamentalist organisations campaigning to overthrow the government and replace it with an Iranian-style regime. *Al Gomhuria*, a semi-official Cairo daily, issued a warning: "The Ministry of Interior will refer those responsible for dispatching biased news stories to the appropriate interrogation authorities. The ministry will also exercise its legal powers."

Particular objection was taken to a report by Agence France-Presse claiming that four people were wounded on Monday by an explosive device in the Nile delta town of Tanta. The agency said the device was similar to one recovered in raids on militant hideouts this month in which ten extremists have been shot dead. The ministry claimed it was the fuse of an old shell that exploded when a merchant was loading scrap metal on to a truck.

The ministry denounced AFP for using the title Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya instead of its own description "terrorist groups", claiming this suggested the security forces were waging war on Islam. David Daure, AFP bureau chief, spent four hours at the ministry and said immediate plans for legal action on the story had been dropped. AFP later transmitted an apology.

Taylor opts for surgery on hip

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ELIZABETH Taylor will have a hip replacement operation in Los Angeles next month, her latest bout of surgery in a life plagued with health problems.

The British-born actress and Aids activist, who is 62 at the end of this month, has suffered from arthritis for many years and decided to have the operation because walking had become increasingly painful, Chen Sam, her publicist, said yesterday.

"She's nervous about it, but she realises the time has come that something has to be done," he said. "She's in a lot of pain."

Taylor's life has been punctuated by almost as many health problems as dramatic and screen triumphs. She still endures a cough left over from a lifetime of respiratory illness and suffers from severe osteoarthritis of the left hip.

Her condition has deteriorated to the point where the cartilage in her hip has completely worn away, making movement impossible without severe pain, according to John Moreland, her orthopaedic surgeon. Taylor has, by her own estimation, been taken to hospital 30 times and has undergone about 20 separate surgical operations.

Dr Moreland will perform the surgery at an undisclosed hospital in Los Angeles.



Elizabeth Taylor, who has been treated in hospital an estimated 30 times and has had 20 operations

President slips up at Rio carnival

BY DAVID ADAMS, LATIN AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

IF BRITISH voters are upset with the immoral conduct of politicians, spare a thought for Brazilians whose President is bravely riding out criticism for flirting with a samba dancer.

"What scandal?" responded President Franco to criticism of his very public demonstration with a scantily clad dancer during a carnival parade in Rio de Janeiro on Monday. "I did not see any scandal," he emphasised.

However, the Roman Catholic Church, politicians and business leaders are not amused and are accusing the 63-year-old divorcé of embarrassing the nation by his unpresidential behaviour.

It was the first time that a civilian President has participated in the Rio carnival since the 1960s, and Senhor Franco may be regretting his decision to attend the event. He could not have timed his appearance at a worse moment, for it occurred on the eve of a national church campaign to encourage family values.

"What one expects from a figure of authority is that he should be an example to his people and especially to families," said Cardinal José Freire Falcão, the Archbishop of Brasília.

Brazilians were intrigued when the usually demure Senhor Franco was shown on national television kissing Lilian Ramos, 27, a model, during the parade. He was clearly having a good time for, after all, carnival time is an occasion for Brazilians to let their hair down.

He might have been forgiven his indiscretion were it not for the fact that Senhorita Ramos, a *Playboy* model, was wearing nothing beneath her thigh-length flowered T-shirt. Every time she raised her arms to dance or clap, she revealed all to onlookers, including the national media.

Some maintain Senhor Franco should resign; others say he was an unwitting victim, since he apparently had no idea that Senhorita Ramos, who had earlier been dancing topless and blew the President a kiss, had so little on. "When I took my knickers off I didn't know I was going to meet the President," she said.

Senhor Franco, however, compounded the "mistake" by telephoning Senhorita Ramos at her home, unaware that a local television station was taping the conversation with her permission. He said he was "in love" with her and requested a date.

Before his carnival indiscretion, Senhor Franco was already under media criticism for his weak leadership and Brazil's soaring inflation.

Senhor Franco, who assumed the presidency in 1992 after President Collor de Mello was impeached for corruption, had complained that being at the helm of the country was interfering with his love life. He blamed media attention for frightening away potential girl friends.

Japanese MPs seek vengeance in print

FROM ROBERT STERN IN TOKYO

AS HE attempts to shore up his squabbling coalition, Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, faces a new phenomenon in local politics: disgruntled colleagues venting their spleen in best-seller memoirs.

The latest political volume to top the charts is *Nine Politicians Who Ruined Japan*, a name-naming exposé of political palm-greasing written by Koichi Hamada, a former Liberal Democrat parliamentarian. In two months it has sold 1.5 million copies. This has caused quite a sensation in a nation where political memoirs are traditionally dully deferential.

Mr Hamada is notorious for histrionic outbursts, such as slapping a Minister of Justice in the face. Since his recent retirement, however, he has toned down his act and is now a frequent guest on television gossip shows, where he plugs his book and croons sentimental karaoke ballads.

In his book, Mr Hamada points the finger at his Liberal Democratic Party colleagues. He accuses Noboru Takeshita, the former Prime Minister, of lying in a sworn testimony to the Diet, Japan's parliament.

The Japanese have also been buying up collections of arid policy positions written by active politicians. In three weeks Masayoshi Takemura, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, has sold 120,000 copies of *A Small and Sparkling Japan*, in which he urges Japan to pursue its non-military path. Its publication is seen as a challenge to the hawkish views espoused in *Blueprint for Building a New Japan*, written by Mr Takemura's arch-rival, Ichiro Ozawa.

Mr Ozawa, the behind-the-scenes power-broker of the ruling coalition, currently under investigation in a construction industry bribery scandal, argues the case for a clean political system.

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Cambodia peacemaker faces tougher Balkan test



William Shawcross reports on the UN official at the centre of decision-making on air strikes in Bosnia



Yasushi Akashi, right, in Zagreb with General George Joulwen, Nato's Supreme Commander in Europe

Phnom Penh to Sarajevo is not a journey many would willingly make, but Yasushi Akashi did. He is one of the key officials who next week must make the terrifying and momentous decision to call or not call for air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs besieging the city.

At first sight, Mr Akashi is an unlikely person to have to decide whether or not to send Nato to war for the first time in its history. A slight, smiling Japanese, he is a career United Nations official who has spent most of his working life in the international bureaucracy, particularly in the UN's Public Information and Disarmanent divisions.

In 1992 he was the surprise choice to head the UN's Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac), which is why he is now in the former Yugoslavia in charge of the UN Protection Force (Unprofor). The Cambodian mission, to bring peace after more than 20 years of civil war, seemed perilous at the time and there were many times when it seemed it might have to be abandoned.

Mr Akashi came under fierce criticism for being too conciliatory. He persevered, however, and his mission culminated last year in elections and the formation of an internationally recognised government.

Despite its compromise, Untac was a welcome success in a long list of UN failures and Mr Akashi was widely accorded personal credit. His subsequent assignment to Zagreb can be seen either as a reward or a poisoned chalice handed him by jealous colleagues at UN headquarters in New York.

Untac gave Mr Akashi a special perspective, and invaluable experience for dealing with former Yugoslavia, but it is far from clear that any "lessons" from Cambodia apply to the Balkans. On examination, indeed, it seems there are many more differences than there are similarities between the two.

☐ In Cambodia, the UN was deployed only after an exhaustive peacemaking process which culminated in the Paris Agreement of 1991. Mr Akashi had a framework and, if factions tried to break out or ignore it, as the Phnom Penh regime and especially the Khmer Rouge did, that was self-evident. In Yugoslavia, by contrast, the UN has been responding to cataclysmic unfolding events to which peace plans have been ad hoc and ineffective responses.

☐ In Cambodia, Untac had the backing of a united Security Council whose ambassadors in Phnom Penh gave invaluable support. In former Yugoslavia there has been (until the market-place massacre two weeks ago) spectacular international disarray that has prevented the development of any coherent policy. International policy is, in fact a shambles.

☐ In Cambodia, Untac had virtually supreme authority in just one country. Unprofor has a much more limited mandate, and in several countries.

☐ In Cambodia, Untac had to deal with four factions, three of whom (usually) wanted the process to work. In Bosnia, let alone the rest of former Yugoslavia, there are many more factions and no such identity of interest.

☐ In Cambodia, Untac had to cope with only one national paranoia, that of Cambodians about the Vietnamese. In former Yugoslavia, Unprofor is faced with the warring paranoias of Serbs, Bosnians, Croats, Albanians, Greeks and others.

☐ In Cambodia, there was the over-arching figure of Prince Sihanouk, now king. He was sometimes impatient and dismissive of Untac, but he was (and still is) a court of last resort to whom all the parties turned. Untac might have collapsed without him. In Yugoslavia, there is no such unifying figure.

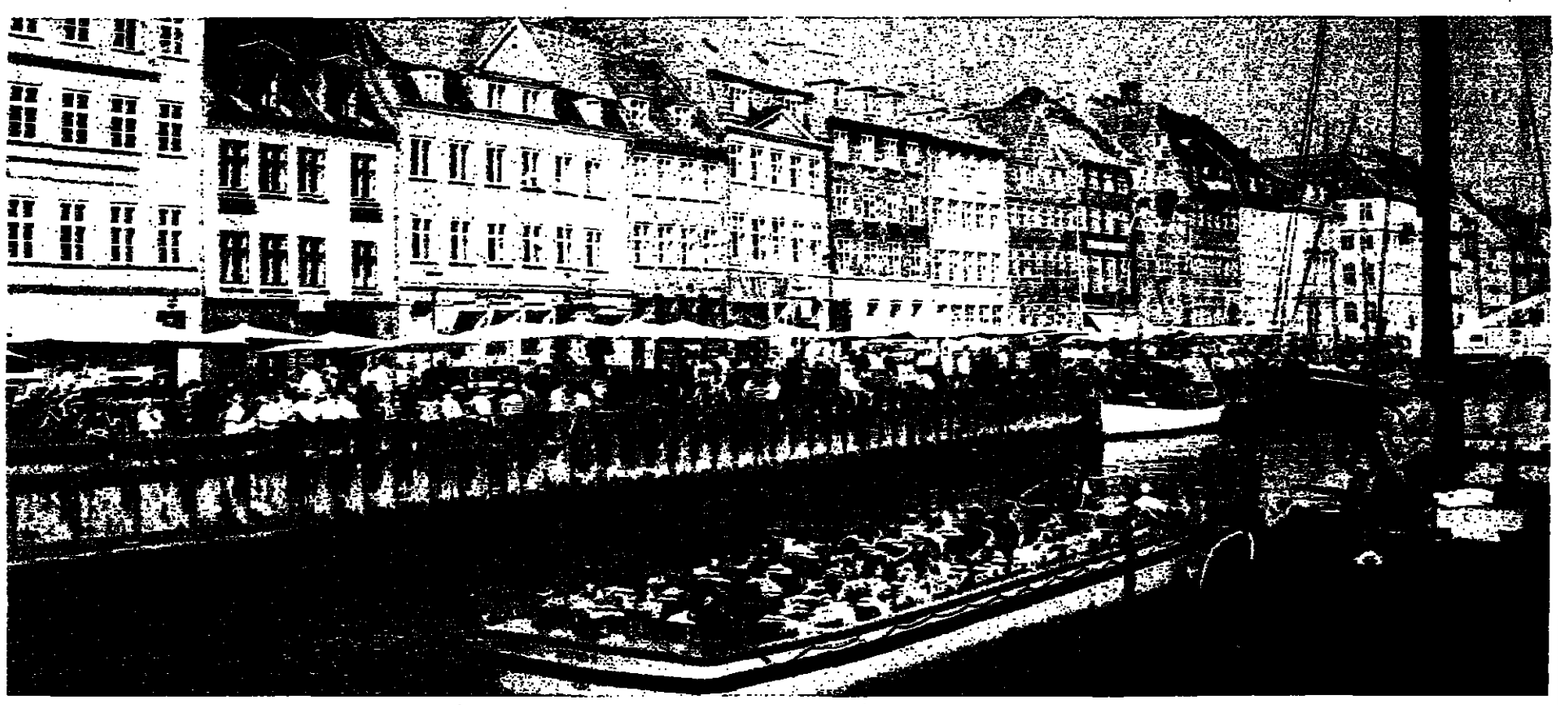
There were many reasons for the UN's overall success in Cambodia. One of them was fundamental: it was that the world faced down the Khmer Rouge which, right up to the last moment was threatening to attack and destroy the election process.

In Untac there were those who wanted to postpone the poll. Mr Akashi and General John Sanderson, his force commander, refused to do so. In the end they were proved right; the Khmer Rouge backed down and did not attack. We do not know all the reasons, but the important thing is that its bluff was called and the moral authority of the international community was asserted.

This weekend in Sarajevo that authority is being asserted again. It is overdue but also very perilous. In Phnom Penh Mr Akashi displayed sang-froid: he and his colleagues will need all of that and more in and around Sarajevo.

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Skopje in protest at Greek blockade

FROM AFP IN SKOPJE

THE Macedonian government has criticised Greece's decision on Wednesday to close its northern port of Salonika to Macedonian goods and close its consulate-general in Skopje. It said the decision "runs counter to the UN Charter, documents of the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe] and international law". Nearly all Macedonia's essential supplies pass through Salonika, especially oil.

Branko Crvenkovski, the Prime Minister, said: "This unilateral decision and the unacceptable measures of the Greek government are all the more alarming since they run counter to the UN resolution calling on the two countries to settle their dispute through negotiation."

Mr Crvenkovski later travelled to the border with Greece for an on-the-spot assesssment of the action. Commentators feared the moves would cause regional destabilisation.

Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, said that he was "forced" to take these steps because of landlocked Macedonia's "continual provocations and growing irredentist intransigence". Greece accuses the former Yugoslav republic of trying to usurp a name Athens says is part of Greek heritage, and of harbouring expansionist aims over the Greek province of the same name.

In Skopje, motorists besieged petrol stations yesterday in the wake of Athens's oil embargo despite assurances from the government that the republic had enough petrol reserves to last two months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiev faces threat to gas supply

Ashkhabad: Turkmenistan will cut all gas supplies to Ukraine, its biggest single customer, from Monday if Kiev continues to default on payments, Valeri Otchertsov, the Turkmen Deputy Prime Minister, said. The ultimatum was sent to the Ukrainian government on Wednesday.

Mr Otchertsov added that bad debts were severely weakening his nation's economy. He said Ukraine has not paid anything for gas shipped this year despite an agreement in January that it would pay every ten days. Turkmenistan is heavily dependent on gas revenues. *(Reuter)*

Invasion denied

Moscow: The Georgian government denied Abkhazian accusations that it is massing forces, including artillery, along the Inguri river for an invasion of the breakaway republic. The river marks the boundary between Abkhazia and the rest of Georgia. *(AFP)*

Art theft linked

Oslo: A church minister linked the theft of Edvard Munch's *The Scream* to an anti-abortion campaign, saying the painting could be returned if Norwegian television broadcasts a film, *The Silent Scream*, showing a foetus being aborted. *(AP)*

Aids bungle

Paris: The French government dissolved its agency to fight Aids after auditors said it squandered money, mismanaged distribution of condoms and awarded its bosses inflated salaries. The Health Ministry will now handle the task. *(Reuter)*

Alert on Bosnia's 'commuter killers'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

DOZENS of the most brutal war criminals in Bosnia seem to be commuting between Germany and the Balkans, according to evidence gathered by Bosnian researchers. The timing of the report, to be presented to the German authorities, is critical: it is intended to speed up moves to arrest and try the former warders and torturers from the notorious prison camps in Omarska and Brcko.

"About 50 of the cruellest war criminals are actually imported murderers from Germany," Fadia Memisevic, the Muslim historian at the Centre for the Documentation of War and Genocidal Crimes in Zenica, central Bosnia, said. The centre's list is mainly made up of Bosnian Serbs, some of whom have been working and living in Germany for up to 30 years. They spend their holidays and extended sick leave fighting in the war zone. "These men from Germany have been acting as rapists and human butchers in the area around Prijedor," Dr Memisevic said yesterday. "Then they returned to Germany and resume their normal lives."

The centre publicly identifies suspects when it gathered evidence from five independent sources. Whether that will be sufficient for the German judiciary remains to be seen. The German Justice Ministry said yesterday it would study the cases, when the names were formally presented but it is plain that Bonn would first like to see if it can make charges stick against Dusko Tadic, 28, arrested earlier this week and charged in Munich with complicity in genocide, murder and grievous bodily harm. German law leaves open the possibility of arresting and sentencing somebody who committed genocidal crimes abroad.

There is no Western consensus for example as to whether the Serbs have been committing genocide in Bosnia, nor whether "ethnic cleansing" as such can be defined as genocide. The Clinton Administration has come close to such a declaration, saying that the Serbian campaign in Bosnia "borders on genocide".

Moreover there are serious difficulties in gathering evidence and reliable identification of suspects while the war rages on. Bonn would much rather that The Hague war-crimes tribunal take over the brunt of these complex cases.

Vietnam quagmire lies behind US rebuff to troop plea

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration has rejected a United Nations request for American ground troops to help enforce Nato's ultimatum to the Serb besiegers of Sarajevo, and it may or may not agree to provide sophisticated artillery-locating radar.

General Sir Michael Rose, British commander of the UN force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, has asked for up to 3,000 extra soldiers to help bring Serb heavy weaponry under UN control and demilitarise the Bosnian capital, but American officials yesterday reiterated that the Administration will deploy ground troops only to monitor a comprehensive peace settlement freely agreed by the warring parties.

The Pentagon was considering General Rose's request for radar capable of pinpointing any Serb artillery position that shelled Sarajevo so it could be destroyed by Nato warplanes. Sources said that at best Washington would agree to provide the equipment without the personnel to operate it, meaning European troops would have to be trained.

America justified its longstanding refusal to contribute to the UN Protection Force in Bosnia by arguing that large numbers of American troops are engaged in peacekeeping operations elsewhere and that America is also the largest donor of humanitarian aid to Bosnia. There are also overwhelming domestic reasons for Mr Clinton's reluctance to risk political capital by deploying troops.

Unprofor troops serving in Bosnia

Britain	2,300
France	4,000
Canada	785
Spain	1,180
Netherlands	2,400
Belgium	270
Norway	320
Sweden	900
Portugal	10
United States	15
Denmark	180
Malaysia	1,490
Ukraine	335
Egypt	826

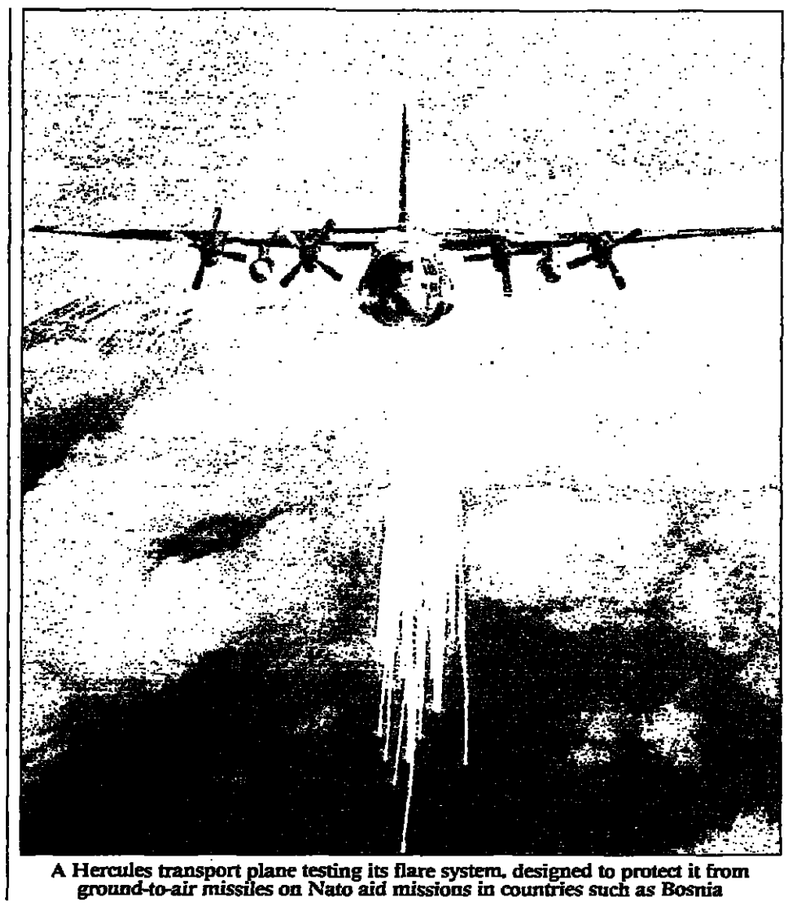
Memories of the Vietnam "quagmire" are stronger in America than in Europe. The Pentagon is opposed to any open-ended commitment of troops in Bosnia and President Clinton is struggling to repair relations with the military after controversies over his draft avoidance and homosexuals in the services.

Bosnia is far further from America than it is from Western Europe. American strategic interests are not threatened, and the public is at best divided over whether America should send ground troops to help end the conflict. An ABC television poll last week showed 50 per cent opposed and 47 per cent in favour, but Mr Clinton knows the opposition would increase if American soldiers died.

On Capitol Hill there is so little support for deploying troops that the White House is uncertain it could even win congressional approval for policing a peace settlement. The Administration has retreated from its promise to provide half an international peacekeeping force of about 50,000, saying it would provide a third.

A further compelling reason is that such a deployment would distract attention from his domestic agenda just as the battle over his health care reforms is heating up. Indeed, the President speaks about Bosnia so rarely that he has done almost nothing to prepare people for the possibility of warplanes bombing Serb artillery positions next week.

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A Hercules transport plane testing its flare system, designed to protect it from ground-to-air missiles on Nato aid missions in countries such as Bosnia

Guards boost Sarajevo force

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN VITEZ

TWO companies of Coldstream Guards plan to move to Sarajevo today where they will reinforce United Nations troops already following the instructions of Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose to monitor the ceasefire and the collection of heavy weapons around the city.

The self-sufficient force, drawn from Guards based in Vitez, will be headed by 14 Warriors, a quarter of the total British Warrior complement, and consists of 163 men, including mortar, anti-tank, engineer, and logistical elements. They take with them 33 armoured fighting vehicles, and five soft-skin lorries. The force will also include one of the TAC-P teams, trained and equipped to call in air strikes upon ground targets should they be required.

The company commander, Major Bill Cubbitt, has been advised that the operation will be for an indefinite time so a Squadron of Light Dragoons will move up from Tomislavgrad to bolster the remaining two Warrior companies in Gornji Vakuf and Vitez.

The Warriors' mobility, armour, and weaponry make them the best UN armoured vehicle yet present in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and they would be ideally suited as a quick reaction force should the situation in the Bosnian capital deteriorate.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter Williams, commander of the British troops, based in Vitez, will now have to reorganise his diminished forces to try to keep the humanitarian aid convoys running. The Coldstreams escort them through central Bosnia to warehouses. An army source said: "Clearly with a third less people, some tasks are going to fall by the wayside."

In the short term, there seems to be no chance of extra troops arriving from other countries to fill the gap left by the departure of the two companies of Coldstream Guards.

However, from next month more than 5,000 extra troops are due in Bosnia to protect the five safe havens, which include Sarajevo. They will consist of 3,000 from Pakistan, 1,100 from The Netherlands, 650 from Ukraine and 500 each from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Comrades learn the culture of enterprise

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

NOT being an old Soviet hand, John Major may have missed the most astonishing aspect of the privatisation which he saw in Nizhny Novgorod this week. The greatest transformation is not in the shops but in the shop assistants: they have started to treat their clients as humans and not as a cross between thieves, animals and concentration camp inmates, which was the rule in Soviet days.

The appearance of shops is also being transformed. The harsh strip lighting of Soviet shop decor brought out the full drabness of the dingy walls and empty shelves. Today, private shops are clean and cheerfully painted. The remaining state shops are also brightening up in competition.

In a state greengrocer's in Moscow this week, for the first time the fruit and vegetables had been arranged in attractive colourful patterns. For that matter, it is also relatively new that fruit and vegetables have any colour.

Prices are, however, high in comparison with salaries. Shopkeepers complain that with families having to spend more and more on food, the "middle classes" are less likely to buy other goods. This creates a vicious circle, as some shops concentrate on the new rich, who do not care what prices they pay.

Two hundred miles down the Volga river, the city of Kazan, in Tatarstan, is almost bare of private shops. The former Communist government has taken no steps to privatisation and continues to subsidise basic foods. The local people say they would not swap this for the attractive shops in Nizhny Novgorod.

The explosion of private shops has its dark side. Many shopkeepers say privately that they have to pay huge sums of protection money to racketeers. At a chemist's shop on Kutuzovsky Prospekt in Moscow, the shop assistant's hands were still shaking after a visit by racketeers a few minutes earlier. "When they began to take from us two years ago they just demanded a cut from the cosmetics section, which is run by a separate company," she said. "But they watch us carefully and now that they see the rest of the shop is beginning to make a profit they want that, too.

"Even if they couldn't hurt us physically, they could get us in another way. No shop in Russia pays all the taxes that it should. If it did it would go bankrupt. The mafia control many people in the tax department. If we refuse to pay protection money, they will let the taxmen loose on us."

Russia's first automatic foreign currency exchange machine has been installed in a Red Square department store by a Moscow bank. The dispenser, programmed to weed out fake notes, can change about a dozen currencies into roubles. *(AFP)*

Veterans hail RAF raid on Nazi jail

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

FORMER Resistance fighters and RAF aircrew will gather in Amiens today to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the daring swoop by Mosquito fighter-bombers that destroyed a prison's walls and freed 437 men from the Nazis.

Operation Jericho struck a powerful blow for the French underground and badly damaged German morale. The raid was planned in meticulous detail by the RAF and the French and involved flying at reduced speed barely ten feet above the ground.

Seconds after the Mosquitos reduced the walls to rubble, Resistance fighters swarmed into the building and led the prisoners into the crowded Amiens street market. As a result, the Nazis were unable to recapture even half those who escaped.

Apart from crushing its morale, Operation Jericho had two immediate consequences for the enemy: 60 informers within the underground were identified and most of them were shot dead. Also the "Centurie" resistance network, recently crushed by the Gestapo, was again free to destroy dozens of V1 launchpads.

Today's celebration will also be tinged with sadness for those who lost their lives in the raid. Just one of the bombs dropped by the RAF went astray, killing more than 70 French and 20 Germans.

In a book recalling the event, Dominique Ponchardier, a Resistance fighter who helped organise the operation, gave credit for its success to Group Captain P. C. Pickard, often used by George VI as his personal pilot. According to M Ponchardier, Pickard oversaw the raid, then stayed behind to ensure that it had worked. He was shot down by two Focke-Wulf 190s just a few miles from Amiens. Today a wreath will be laid at his grave and that of his navigator.



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All the President's grub

Is Bill Clinton's prodigious consumption of all things edible comfort eating, or is he simply greedy? Martin Fletcher reports

Urgent. Memo to John Major: Skip *breakfast before* your meeting with Bill Clinton on Monday week. The American President is on one of his eating binges and the best way to restore the "special relationship" would be to keep him company.

On Tuesday, Mr Clinton was on his way to lunch with two senators in an Ohio restaurant when he spotted a roadside café called Charlie's House of Meats.

He jumped from his limousine and wolfed down a large apple fritter while waiting for a burger with onion and cheese. That did not stop him polishing off a large pastrami sandwich and cream cheese *pastry with the senators. Afterwards* he told the restaurant owner "he was really full, felt like a sow in the sun, and needed to take a nap". Two days earlier the 15-stone, 6ft 2in President had attended a big black-tie dinner in Houston. The helpings were clearly inadequate for a man of his voracious appetite. Mr Clinton's motorcade drove from the dinner to a Tex-Mex restaurant called Chuy's, where he devoured a chicken chalupa, taco and guacamole, washed down by two margaritas.

The week before that Mr Clinton had his celebrated lunch with Germany's Chancellor Kohl in Filomena's, a Georgetown restaurant noted for its giant portions. The world's two most prominent trenchermen heroically ate their way through a cold antipasto of meats and cheeses, a hot antipasto of mushrooms stuffed with crabmeat, battered shrimp in orange sauce, fried calamari, a Tuscan soup with white beans and tomato, a main course of ravioli stuffed with veal, cheese and spinach, and generous portions of that coronary calamity – zabaglione.

A presidential aide was spotted leaving the restaurant bearing two large boxes containing German chocolate cakes with which, one likes to think, the two political heavyweights surreptitiously concluded their "pasta diplomacy" or "gobblefest", as the occasion was variously labelled, behind the darkened glass of their limousine.

Herr Kohl has happily now embarked on his annual Lenten diet, but not Mr Clinton. This champion of American health-care reform eats blithely on. Mr Clinton regularly slips away from the White *House to eat with friends in* fashionable Washington restaurants. Indeed, the Arkansas bodyguards who recently spilled the beans about Mr Clinton's allegedly prodigious sexual appetite seemed almost as fascinated by his appetite for food.

"When he would eat an apple he would eat the whole thing – core, stem and seeds," recalled one of them, Roger Perry. "He would pick up a baked potato with his hands and eat it in two bites. I've never seen anything like it."

The 47-year-old President certainly has a lot on his plate nowadays, but his craving for food seems to be inborn, not *stress-induced*. At a bonding session for his Cabinet at Camp David last year he recalled how he was teased as a boy because he was fat. And on holiday his appetite seems to be larger than ever. At Martha's Vineyard last summer he and Hillary ate out six nights running and he also stocked up with two quarts of black raspberry and mocha-chip ice cream from Mad Martha's ice-cream shop.

> "He picks up a baked potato and eats it in two bites"

During a brief post-Christmas visit to Little Rock the President consumed a large vanilla and strawberry frozen yoghurt with strawberry topping, having the previous evening devoured a pizza and two helpings of cheesecake. Returning to the airport for a 90-minute flight to South Carolina, he stopped to pick up a small smoked chicken, smoked turkey, ham, bread, cheese and cherry and peach preserves.

One advantage of being President is that all your requirements are anticipated. Thus, on an earlier trip to Little Rock, stewards stocked up Air Force One with Arkansas barbecued ribs and brisket from his favourite restaurant, Shug's. When he went to Seattle for last November's Pacific Rim summit his hotel reportedly installed a special "McHotline" to the McDonald's across the street.

To be fair, Mr Clinton jogs most mornings, makes use of a newly-equipped White House gym, does not smoke and drinks only modestly. He recently sailed through his annual medical check-up. He also has an extraordinary energy.

But cracks about how Vice-President Gore is only "one Big Mac away from the presidency" clearly register with Mrs Clinton. Her first State dinner for South Korea's President Kim Young Sam last November must have been a great disappointment to her husband.

The menu was top-heavy with such alarmingly wholesome offerings as acorn squash, autumn salad, shellfish mousse containing just two quarts of cream for 136 guests, and ginger almond ice-cream made from skimmed milk. The poor man must have gone to bed starving.

RICK WILKING/REUTER



Time for another snack — Clinton's favourite is black raspberry and mocha-chip ice cream from Mad Martha's

Reflections on Norma's necklace

You've let us down, Lady T

It is not like Baroness Thatcher to embarrass us girls. Whether you backed her or not, you could always rely on her to run to form, riding straight and *laying the whip across anybody* who stood in her way. She started, so she'd finish: no glittering bauble would distract this Atalanta. And despite those artful interviews about how she ironed her own collars, we never associated her with feminine frailty. Feminine strength and wiliness, yes: but not the Gaye Gambol bit, the giggly Monroe bit, the Rosamund Vincy part in *Middlemarch*.

She was not the little woman who bankrupts her husband to buy jewels, and sobs into a crammed wardrobe that she has simply nothing to wear. Our Mrs Thatcher was not like that: she was Britannia in a dressing-gown after the Brighton bomb, Boadicea in a flak-jacket, mad-eyed Maggie ripping strips off "Mr Day", with never a thought (we thought) as to whether her radio-mike was spoiling the line of her jabot.



LIBBY PURVES

Which is why some of us are in shock this morning. Neither Downing Street nor Lady Thatcher has denied the astonishing tale that a *while ago Mr Major* received an indignant telephone call. It was not a rant about subsidiarity or airstrikes: it was because his wife had been seen in a diamond necklace given to Downing Street by some foreign dignitary.

The necklace had been a particular favourite of Lady Thatcher's, and therefore Norma, decreed the Baroness, was not to wear it ever again. Mr Major demurred, since he is after all the Prime Minister. But following a second telephone call, he appreciated the strength of her feelings and gave in. What would we *not give for a tape of that* second telephone call?

Now, I am no political insider. As far as I know this is par for the course and Sir Edward Heath was never off the blower in 1980, moaning bitterly about Denis being allowed to wear his favourite topaz-and-ruby cufflinks, the ones presented to Mr Gladstone by the Akond of Swat. But I have a terrible feeling that it is a new phenomenon, and a shaming side-effect of having our first (though remarkable and internationally admired) woman Prime Minister.

Which reflection, in turn, brings on attacks of severe self-doubt in the rest of us who swagger around in *mens' worlds*. Oh God: might we, too, suddenly fall prey to some embarrassing aspect of femininity? Might we confuse the professional and the emotional and suddenly make complete and utter cakes of ourselves over something as trivial as our pet necklace resting on another woman's bosom? After feminism, has a great psychic backlash begun, in which lady mayors will lock themselves in the town hall loo in floods of tears rather than part with their chain, and the next woman to be dug out of the Cairngorms lisp "I'd love a Babycham!"?

Of course, we have already carried feminine priorities into the men's world. But only the obviously admirable ones: care for children and relationships, environmental concern and proper canteen salads. Our advance has been marked by our great care not to seem frivolous: not to play up to the male legend of giggly courtesans or mumsy housewives. We have been very careful to restrict our jewellery to jokey Balinese tat, to drink *our pint and not give ammunition* to mockers.

But now Lady Thatcher herself has emerged as caring rather too much about a diamond necklace, and we are undone. Losing office, she kept a brave face: but the bauble was the last straw and drove her to absurdity. It would have been less shaming to her sex if she had shown a bit of defiance earlier, and sewn the damn thing into her corset like an escaping Russian aristocrat.

But there is still one thing she can do to redeem herself. Having admitted tacitly that she is, after all, one of the little ladies (God bless 'em!) the least she can do is to play the thing to the hilt. No more weedy telephone calls. Like the French Queen in Dumas she must recruit Three Musketeers to steal the diamond necklace back from the villain's lair. Sir Bernard d'Ingham can play D'Artagnan, with the parts of Athos and Porthos being taken with conviction by Lords Tebbit and Whitelaw. Perhaps Mr Gummer could be Aramis. If you must be girls, girls, at least go all the way.

An Olympian rip-off

Lillehammer takes a gold-medal for its high prices

IT IS true that nobody ever went to Norway in search of a bargain, unless it was a lorry-load of ice. The country is a high-wage economy par excellence and its 4.3 million citizens are sanguine about VAT rates of 22 per cent and basic rate income tax at 35 per cent.

Add to this the standard pricing policy beloved of retailers in Olympic host cities the world over (think of a number and double it), and you begin to understand why most of the people who have descended on the small town of Lillehammer will leave with new underwear.

A senior editor from *USA Today* summoned his reporting team in Lillehammer the other day to announce the "new underwear" policy, having noticed that whereas his hotel was charging the equivalent of £2.30 to launder a pair of underpants, a new pair could be bought in the media centre's shop for £2.20.

Although your average British female winter sports fan may baulk at £11.10 for a lipstick or £6.94 for tights, this is as nothing compared with the most spectacular rip-off medal nominations, which are in the food and drink sector.

The great thing about temperatures averaging minus 20C is that they provide an incentive to take on fuel.

Thus it was that just before the Olympics began, Lillehammer lost its main electrical shop, L-Installation. Overnight the store was cleared of plugs, kettles and toasters, to be replaced by tables, napkins and soft lighting. L-Installation had shut for the duration, to be replaced by Eldorado, a restaurant. Same management, new business.

Garages, do-it-yourself shops and even plumbers have transformed into food outlets, although until last week – when the government acted to freeze food, drink and hotel prices in the town – all the signs were that more competition meant not lower prices, but a bigger cartel.

So let us leave the ice arena where Torvill and Dean are facing the music and take a bus into Lillehammer itself. We shall need a woolly hat (£18.50), for there can be a long wait in the cold for a bus.

The first thing we shall need upon arriving in the centre of Lillehammer is a small glass of beer. That will be £5.50.

Having heard from Caroline Searle, the British Olympic Association's press officer, that she paid £250 for a dinner for four with one bottle of wine, we shall instead sit down to a pizza. Did he say £13.80? I am afraid he did.

This is enough to make anyone retreat to the hotel room (up to £380 a night) and a stiff drink. Heavy rates of duty in Norway mean the stiff drink comes at stiffer prices: Smirnoff vodka at £22.70 a bottle. Teacher's whisky £26.20.

The local chamber of commerce is positively beaming at the prospect of all these foreigners being relieved of all this dosh. When I telephoned I expected a long justification for the fact that, for example, an English-Norwegian dictionary can cost up to £75 at the moment. And it does not even contain the Norwegian for "you must be kidding".

Instead Miss Diep Van, the chamber spokesperson, summoned an impressive amount of sang-froid to say: "Oh yes, the prices have gone up, especially in restaurants and hotels. Yes, it is unfair, but for the people here it is good. There will be no more chance to make money when the Olympics are over, you see."

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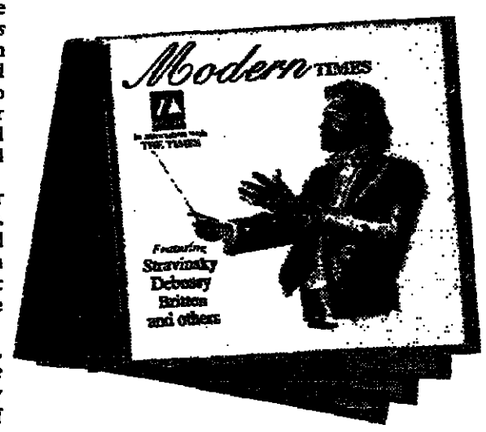
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Harry Wu nearly died in Chinese gulags. Now he has a mission to expose them, **Ben Macintyre** reports

Victim of China's dirty secret


JAMIE TANAKA

Denounced in 1960 by his classmates, Harry Wu spent 19 years in labour camps

In a small house in the suburbs of San Jose, California, a middle-aged Chinese man with a soft voice and perfect manners is working to undermine Chinese communism by exposing what he calls "its dirty secret".

Harry Wu carries the scars of that secret: in the wrecked membranes of his nose, where they shoved forced-feeding tubes; on the arm where they hit him with a wooden club, breaking his wrist and pushing the bone through the skin; in the plate that he always empties, from ingrained habits of hunger brought incongruously to the land of plenty.

You can sense other, invisible scars too, when this diffident intellectual describes how he fought with fists and teeth and desperation to win scraps of food at the expense of his dignity and conscience.

Wu Hongda, known as Harry since childhood, spent 19 years as a prisoner in Chinese forced labour camps, the vast gulags of the *laogai* system (the Chinese word for reform-through-labour) which have "processed", by Wu's estimation, 50 million people in the last 47 years.

Ten million labour there still, he says, common criminals and political prisoners alike, churning out products for foreign and home consumption as the communist system in turn labours to reform the inmates into "new socialist citizens".

The Chinese government admits to holding some 3,300 political prisoners, but human rights groups say the real figure is far higher.

Since coming to the US in 1985 Wu has written two books on Chinese labour camps. His autobiography *Bitter Winds* (written with Carolyn Wakeman), a gaunt memoir in the style of Solzhenitsyn, will be extracted in *The Times* tomorrow and on Monday.

He has also testified before the US House of Representatives, lectured around the country, collected reams of evidence from other prisoners and set up a foundation to study the iniquities of China's penal system.

In 1991, in an act of almost unbelievable courage, Wu returned to China and, posing as a businessman, compiled a unique photographic indictment of the continuing *laogai* system for an American television documentary.

His mission is to persuade President Clinton to revoke China's most-favoured nation status, but he is also impelled by another, deeper need — to expiate what the labour camps did to his mind and heart, and atone to the many whom he overtook in the grim Darwinian struggle of the gulags.

Harry Wu was born the son of a rich Shanghai banker in 1937, into a privileged world of servants, good food and good education at a private Jesuit school. That was his crime.

Yet like many rich or landed Chinese, Wu (and his father) sought to work within rather than against the new communist system. They did not consider themselves members of a counter-revolutionary class, and they denied being so. That too, in the skewed logic of Mao's ideology, turned out to be a crime.

Studying at Peking's Geology Institute in 1960, Wu was arrested as a "counter-revolutionary rightist" and sentenced to labour reform without trial. Weeded out along with some 500,000 others, he was denounced by his class-mates and branded as an enemy of socialism in dire need of thought-reform.

For the next 19 years Wu was one of millions crushed into labour camps, work farms and factories to toil for the state and reform their class-conditioned criminal thinking in circumstances of almost unimaginable horror.

During the famine of the early 1960s many prisoners were forced to live off rations made up from corn husks and nutritionless gruel, supplemented with whatever could be gleaned or stolen: a rat's nest with a few hoarded grains of rice, a frog or snake caught in the fields, or a few blades of grass and some bitter roots.

Thousands perished, and Wu himself came within a few calories of starvation. "It became more difficult to distinguish the dead from the living," Wu writes of the stupor induced by grinding hunger.

Wu's strength (as a trained baseball player), guile and youth pulled him through. The price he paid was a ruthless amorality, a determination to find food even if that meant snatching it from another prisoner or wheedling his way into the good graces of the prison captain.

"I'm not a hero. Heroes couldn't survive the *laogai* system. I'm just a simple human being," says Wu. "I told myself to become a running dog. I betrayed other people. I robbed them."

> "When you're forced to think like an animal, you just grab the food from anyone"

At 57, Wu retains the powerful physique of his baseball days and 19 years of toil in fields and mines, but it is impossible to imagine this mild, bespectacled figure crazed by hunger to the point of inhumanity.

"I am so deeply sorry for the people I didn't help." He pauses to stare out of the window at the palm trees stirring in the warm breeze. "You become an animal. You don't think what is freedom, what is rationality. You just think: grab the food from anywhere, from anyone."

Throughout Wu's ordeal the reforming process continued in so-called "struggle meetings", where one inmate would gain credit for denouncing or beating another and where, by the fiendish logic of the regime, to confess your counter-revolutionary crimes ensured continued imprisonment, but failure to do so warranted dire punishment.

"Human life has no value here, I thought bitterly," Wu writes. "But if a person's life has no value, then the society that shapes that life has no value either. If the people mean no more than dust, then the society is worthless and does not deserve to continue. If the society should not continue, then I should oppose it."

This train of thought prevented Wu from committing suicide, as the brutalities of his sentence transformed an idealistic youth eager to reform himself and contribute to the Communist cause into a bitter opponent of the regime.

In 1969 Wu was transferred from the penal camps to "forced labour placement" in a coal mine. His life improved marginally. He married a woman he barely knew and later divorced, but together they shared a tiny cave in the hillside near the mine. Unable to leave the camp, Wu spent another decade in this legal limbo until the political pendulum swung once more and the regime, anxious to make up for the excesses of the Cultural Revolution, released many political prisoners, Wu among them.

In 1985 Wu was finally granted permission to leave China, and he fled the country to take up the offer of a research fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley.

Before leaving China, Wu met some of the party members who had denounced him as a student and deprived him of his youth. "They said: 'We are so sorry for your experience, Harry, but that's all in the past — we must look forward now.'" He stops imitating the earnest tones of the party cadre and his face hardens again. "They know I hate them."

He considered vengeance, but then wondered: "Why destroy a small cog... I will destroy the whole machine, because the machine destroyed millions of people."

In June 1991 Harry Wu had his revenge. With his new wife Ching-Lee he secretly travelled back to China to film and document the labour camps, knowing that capture would mean immediate and permanent imprisonment. Together they visited and filmed some 20 camps, including several where Wu had been an inmate.

We stared at the grainy photographs snatched from moving cars, of labourers stripped to the waist digging drainage ditches. "See the red flags," says Wu with grim knowledge. "If a prisoner steps beyond the line of the flags, they shoot him."

Partly as a result of the evidence amassed by Wu and Ching-Lee, China signed an agreement in 1992 to cease exports of labour-camp products, but human rights organisations report that the agreement is routinely violated, to say nothing of international law prohibiting forced labour for political prisoners.

"The *laogai* system is the biggest enterprise of slavery in our century," insists Wu, adding that he hopes the US Administration will eventually respond to pressure and condemn the system. Yet he is pessimistic about the likelihood of democratic change in China, particularly after the crushing of the Tiananmen movement. "China is a feudal country. The Communists have just become a new hybrid dynasty," he says with a rare, wry laugh.

But Harry Wu has no intention of giving up his personal crusade to abolish the *laogai*, approaching his self-appointed role as China's conscience with the same combination of humility and rank obstinacy that kept him alive under nearly two decades of gruelling captivity.

"There is now a Holocaust Museum in Washington. I want a *laogai* museum. This is my dream."

TOMORROW

Part 1 of Harry Wu's gripping story in the Magazine

How to hold your knife and fork and get on in business

No joking, no smoking: a stern new guide to executive etiquette


MARGOT NORMAN

Derek, the British Airways steward, paused in the aisle and chortled. I looked up, and he pointed at the 600-page tombstone of a book on my knee. It was open at a page headed "Sexual Harassment (See also 'A smart woman manager knows how to travel safely and well', *Chapter 4*)".

Then he put a hand on my arm in a way that was both entirely politically incorrect and entirely inoffensive, and said: "You'd better have a word with Francine about that."

Francine, a French stewardess who exuded allure and motherliness simultaneously, in the Gallic fashion, was a welcome distraction from Letitia Baldridge's *New Complete Guide to Executive Manners*.

Letitia Baldridge is a real person, you may be surprised to hear — she's been on the cover of *Time* magazine — a real, solemn American person who rejoices in the epithets "doyenne of deportment" and "duchess of etiquette".

She was Jacqueline Kennedy's White House chief of staff, social secretary to a string of subsequent First Ladies and ambassadors, public relations person and management trainer in the observance of Ps and Qs.

She has made a habit of writing books about how to behave, and her publisher says she has written three autobiographies; which sounds excessive. A woman of words, then, with a mission to civilise the workplace and make it a suitable venue for the pursuit of happiness.

This is not how Francine sees things. On the contrary, she — and most other French-women, she insists — think Letitia and her like are barbarians.

Reading the "Sexual Harassment" section over my shoulder, she recoiled in horror at the list of prohibitions for male colleagues. What, no more complimenting a woman on her dress and then leering down the front of it, no more "suggestive touching", a ban on married men asking female colleagues for a date? (There, see how much easier John Major's life would be if his troops had only harkened to Letitia?)

Best for diplomacy's sake not to dwell on Francine's view of "these impossible Americans". Let's just say she finds their studiously un-harassing ways actively insulting. And civilisation as she knows and enjoys it will come to an end if they prevail. As a Brit, I inevitably find myself halfway between the French and the Americans on these matters, which means floundering in the drink.

Letitia threatens to slug anyone who calls her "honey" or "baby"; Francine seems inclined to slug anyone who doesn't, and I say feebly it depends who's saying it and to what purpose. I hate being patronised but I don't mind being teased.

Teasing, like most other kinds of fun, is dangerous in Ms Baldridge's happy workplace. Although she is old-fashioned and permissive enough, in PC terms, to allow unisex hugs and pats on the arm, she sternly cautions against any kind of joking about sexual harassment. Some idiot might take it seriously and get you fired: proper executive behaviour is idiot-proof.

Ms Baldridge's kind of woman is the one who cures the senior partner of suffocating gallantry by snarling, when he asks why he should abandon it, "because I want your job". And her shining exemplar of the subtle, broad-minded and compassionate hostess is the one who brightens up her fire escape with a pot of geraniums before a party so she can tell guests who smoke: "Oh, do go out there if you *need* to at any time."

Then she shuts the window and they have to tap to be let in: they are ushered past a prominent bowl overflowing with how-to-stop-smoking pamphlets.

Wisely, Ms Baldridge has no plans to bring this book out here. Dillon's Business Bookshop says that apart from *The Little Black Book of Business Etiquette* and John Mole's *Mind Your Manners*, which is mainly about how not to offend fellow Europeans, they don't get much call for that sort of thing.

Indeed, the doyenne of deportment is well aware of the width of the Pond. She has a list of American habits that displease people from other countries, which includes unpunctuality (not applicable in the Arab world), inviting people for 7pm and then not sitting down until 9.30pm, criticising foreign food, and delivering sermons on low-fat, no-beef, no-sugar and roughage, and even smoking.

As for breakfast meetings, "our frenzied, early-morning activities are considered barbaric too [sic] many Western Europeans, especially the French".

So it is a peculiarly American puritan dream world that we're in, with a formula designed to wrest a positive outcome from every situation.

'An American banker friend explained why her compatriots love these formulae: "If every American can have a crack at getting to the top, then every American has a right to the book of rules." She also explained that an English colleague would always be hampered in that relentlessly positive organisation by his "attitude problem".

Oh? "Yes, he's English. So he can't help being a bit cynical and negative."

Michael Portillo would understand. The only thing I am left puzzling over is why, in the section on "The executive faces problems in today's working world which never existed before", we find among all the gender stuff and items on social drugs and people with Aids, workplace racism and breast-feeding, a brief section on business ethics announcing that the ethical manager is not a wimp.

That's new? How alarming.

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Philip Howard



■ The word 'homosexual' is surprisingly recent, while 'gay' is surprisingly old

The British are mad about sex, at any rate as a topic of conversation. You *have only to glance at the newspapers* to observe the confusion in our national character between Grundyism and lubricity. For the British, sex seems both dirty and at the same time Page 3 funny. The great collection of artefacts, many of manikins and little women, from the cradles of civilisation around the world, collected by George Ortiz, is being exhibited at the Royal Academy. It shows that most other cultures have managed to behave more naturally and humanely about the great British bugaboo.

I hope that Stephen Milligan would have enjoyed the ribald side of the British attitude that has renamed lurid suspender belts "Milligans", and would have laughed at the grey side that described his life as "sad and lonely". As usual with the British, arguments about political and social matters get stuck in the vocabulary. People complain about the language, when what they are really objecting to is what other people get up to. All societies are continually reinterpreting their attitudes to sex in ways that alarm the conventional.

There is a continual structural tension in the naming of parts between raw and cooked, hostile and friendly. "Homosexual" itself is an astonishingly late arrival in English, having been coined as little as a century ago for pioneers of sexual psychology. The word itself is a mongrel, having the first half Greek and the second Latin. That *homo* is nothing to do with "man". The greatest heresy in the early Church arose around the difference of an iota between the Greek words *homo* (the same) and *homoio* (similar). But today the linguistic argument rages around sex rather than the substance of the Trinity. A homosexual is somebody attracted sexually to his or her own sex.

There is nothing morally or even linguistically wrong with such hybrids or malformations. Some useful words for which there are no alternatives are bastards, for example *television, speedometer* and *breathalyser*. The two recent formations of *homophobia* and *homocritical* have elided the Latin sex and are now impeccably formed from two Greek roots. Some of those who complain about the ugliness or error of the words may be indignant that they could be described by them. The words are fine: it is the attitudes they describe that are odd.

But we have always had trouble with the slanguage of sex. Greeks, who went in for all sorts of sex, had words for different kinds of love from sexual to companionable, but did not bother with the distinction we make between homosexuality and heterosexuality. To describe homosexuality in the past, English has tried a toponym from one of the cities of the Plain, which the Marquess of Queensberry managed to mis-spell "Somdomite", to an adaptation of "Bulgarian", because a Manichaean sect supposed to go in for "abominable or unnatural" activities came from Bulgaria.

Bulstrodes complain that the little adjective "gay" has been hijacked by homosexuals. But the word was never whiter than white. In its old French origins, it carried intimations of immorality, especially, as usual, female immorality, beside its primary sense of joy and jolliness. From Victorian slang, Partridge recorded "gay girl" for a tart, "gay house" for a brothel, and many other combinations. A very early use of "gay" to mean homosexual was discovered when the Public Record Office released the documents of the Cleveland Street scandal of 1889. This purulent Victorian sensation concerned a male homosexual brothel patronised by some of the highest in the land, who kept it hushed up. One of the chief witnesses was an earnest young male prostitute called Saul, who referred to himself and his colleagues as "gay".

In the past generation, "gay" has become the standard adjective to describe a homosexual. It is a friendlier epithet than "queer", "pansy", "nance", "fairy" and previous homophobic words. Oddly enough, gaiety survives as a noun with its old meaning unaffected by homosexuality. Restless sexual jargon may move on to other words. But *those who complain about improper* or irregular use of language are shooting the messenger for a message they do not like.



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Injustice marches on

When will the French army admit that in convicting Dreyfus it got the wrong man?

Bernard Levin

Dreyfus again! Will that tap never stop dripping? There are scores and scores of books on the subject, doctoral theses counted in thousands, ignorance of the facts by millions, and the end is not yet in sight, nor will it be until no scrap of injustice remains in the world, indeed until the word "injustice" itself is clean of it and it can be found only in the very biggest dictionaries. But assuredly, until that dawn rises, the name of Dreyfus will not be forgotten.

My introduction was not made at random; the name has surfaced once more, in France — where, after all, it started. The head of the French army's history office, one Colonel Paul Gaujac, was summarily dismissed by the Balladur government's Minister of Defence, M François Léotard; it seems that the minister was alerted by an article in *Libération*. And to what was he alerted, whoever heard the first bell?

That shall be my theme today, because *l'Affaire Dreyfus* is marking its centenary — the centenary, that is, of Dreyfus's arrest, and still the story bleeds afresh. I cannot believe that many of you do not know what the Dreyfus affair comprised, but it is so remarkable a story, and I have been so fascinated by it all my life, that I must once again linger over the things that happened in those days, though I shall conclude with the things that can happen now, some of which will surprise you.

Alfred Dreyfus was a French army officer, perfectly honourable, loyal and patriotic. Ferdinand Esterhazy was another army officer, but this one was by no means honourable, loyal or patriotic. In fact, he was in touch with German espionage forces, and was passing secret information to them, solely for money. Documents were found, making clear that there was a spy in the ranks. There was no evidence of any kind to tie Dreyfus to the crime, but *somebody* had to be guilty, and Dreyfus was a Jew, so the authorities put him on trial, *in camera*, found him guilty of high treason and sentenced him to be banished for life in French Guiana — nicknamed Devil's Island. Off he went, though not before, on the parade ground, his epaulettes had been torn from his shoulders and his sword broken across. (I have always wondered about that ceremony, not just in the Dreyfus case but in the considerable number of books, fictional or real, in which such degradation is carried out. What I want to know is *how* you break a sword in pieces? Surely you can't break steel across your knee, whatever the provocation?)

Enter Lieutenant-Colonel Georges Picquart, the first and greatest Dreyfusard. He had found the real culprit, Esterhazy, and the evidence, and told his superiors. They were horrified. They hastened to ensure that Esterhazy was not arrested and that Dreyfus remained on Devil's Island, and to be sure that nothing went wrong, they removed Picquart from his post. Then they made their first but critical mistake; Esterhazy, the criminal, had an accomplice, Major Henry, and both had been busy forging documents to put truth on false trails. The authorities staged a trial of Esterhazy, making sure that he was acquitted, but Esterhazy acquittal or no Esterhazy acquittal, Picquart went on pointing out that they had got the wrong man, so the authorities arrested *him*. From then on, a routine story about an *unknown officer who had been wrongly* convicted had split France in two.

And that is no exaggeration, for during *l'Affaire*, so many fights and even duels had broken out between Dreyfusards and anti-Dreyfusards, that hostesses, sending out their invitation cards, had them engraved not only with, as usual, the date, time and address, but also with the ominous rubric *Prière de ne parler de l'Affaire*. And before the seas climbed higher, came the news that *Esterhazy's accomplice, Major Henry*, had shot himself. (Not that the authorities took any notice: Esterhazy, now obviously the criminal, fled to Britain, but Dreyfus remained on his island, and the cover-up went on gaily.)

Now the heroes march past: Zola, with that wonderful, echoing, immortal headline: Picquart, cashiered for telling the truth (and thus — clouds and silver linings — able to devote all his time to the cause); Anatole France, with *Penguin Island* (the book, his masterpiece, still stands as fresh as when it was written, and the chapter on the Dreyfus case is masterpiece piled on masterpiece); Clemenceau, no doubt with an eye to the main chance, but unwavering in his certainty of Dreyfus's innocence; even Proust got out of bed long enough to sign a Dreyfusard petition.

Bliss was it in that dawn, as the seesaw began to tilt the Dreyfusard way; Dreyfus, however, was still on his island. The authorities brought him home, tried him again, convicted him again and sentenced him to ten years, hastily suspended. The conviction was by five votes to two, and a Dreyfusard caricaturist in a Dreyfusard newspaper drew a memorable cartoon. It showed the five who voted for another conviction, walking round and round, each writing *Dreyfus est culpable* on the back of the one in front, when *la vérité* steps into the circle and draws on the nearest back *Dreyfus est innocent, et vous êtes cinq menteurs.*

It *is* an extraordinary story, is it not? There is no jurisdiction that does not include errors — *errors that put innocent men and* women in prison, or indeed execute them. That is not an indictment of the systems; it is, alas, a demonstration of the fact that human beings make mistakes.

No one likes admitting a mistake, even a mistake that harms others, but in civilised countries there is always someone to draw attention to the errors. *Look at our judges, sitting* in a democratic land; they couldn't be more diligent in getting things right, but how they hate to admit it when they have made terrible mistakes, paid for by years of imprisonment — paid for, that is, not by them. And when the rescuers succeed, how the judges hate to be asked to apologise, which they never do!

But the Dreyfus affair was not made out of mistakes. The highest judicial figures in the French legal system connived and lied and cheated, to get an innocent man condemned and to see that he remained condemned; perhaps at first some of them might have believed the evidence, though it would have been difficult to do so considering that there wasn't any, but even allowing them an infinite amount of honest doubt, they were a bunch of blackguards. (Anti-Semitic blackguards, though that had run through the whole story — the two camps were separated by that alone.)

Prière de ne parler de l'Affaire: what years have passed, and revolutions in everything concluded, since those words were printed on invitation cards! And yet, there is a stir in Paris, a stir so amazing that it needs two looks to be believed. I started today with the dismissal of Colonel Paul Gaujac from his position as head of the French forces' history department; what I did not tell you is *why* he was dismissed. He was dismissed because, when writing about the Dreyfus affair, he could not bring himself to admit that Dreyfus was manifestly innocent, nor could he with any decency write that he was guilty. So he said that "Dreyfus's innocence is the thesis now generally accepted by historians".

Well, clearly not in the office of the French forces' history department.

How deep do poisoned wells run, and how much blotting-paper is required to mop them up? Leave the good colonel and his diffidence in admitting that Dreyfus was innocent; there are people much more senior than he in this story. For *did you know that the French army* has never reversed the findings of the two courts-martial that condemned Dreyfus? And did you know that when it was at last suggested that a statue of Dreyfus should be erected in the *Ecole Militaire*, the French army blocked the proposal so vigorously that it was dropped? Why, how shameful and cowardly must be the French Army Command that it feels obliged to pretend to this day that Dreyfus was other than *innocent! And for that matter*, how wretched a thing must be President Mitterrand, and how feeble a thing must be Prime Minister Balladur, that either or both of them cannot summon up the bottle to defy the army and do justice a mere hundred years late.

In the Second World War, Charles Maurras, the evil genius of modern French literature (but a genius nonetheless), threw in his lot with the Nazis during the Occupation. He was tried as a collaborator and convicted by a court more honest than any Dreyfus saw. But as he was led from the courtroom, he cried: *"C'est la revanche de Dreyfus!"*

Friendless in the world?

George Brock says Britain is a poor player on the diplomatic stage

Before Russia's interventions, it seemed that within three days British jets might be in action over Sarajevo and British soldiers under fire below. Nine days ago, a reluctant British Government was dragged against its better judgment into an agreement that Nato might be sent into action to alter the course of war in the Balkans. Britain's passive and secondary role in the decision reveals a wider paralysis afflicting the country's whole foreign policy.

When he spoke to the House of Commons on the day after Nato had declared its ultimatum, Douglas Hurd could scarcely conceal his doubts about the wisdom of a commitment to use air power. A tepid and ambivalent Britain, he came close to admitting, was tagging along behind America and France. Mr Hurd could hardly have claimed that Britain had been in the vanguard of the decision-making in Brussels, for his ambassador had been bypassed. A shift in the balance of power between America, Britain and France has revealed the price Britain pays for a Government devoting little or no proper long-term thinking to the outside world.

Until January, Britain and France thought and talked more or less in unison over Bosnia. Last spring, Mr Hurd and his French counterpart Alain Juppé stood shoulder-to-shoulder and saw off America's plan to lift the arms embargo and use air strikes. Then President Clinton came to Europe in the new year and, at the Natoo summit, paid much flattering attention to President Mitterrand. Clinton would have had some difficulty shooting the breeze with John Major, even if he had wanted to, since the Prime Minister spent long periods sequestered in the British delegation offices telephoning Downing Street as "back to basics" slid into chaos.

Officials found the usually attentive Mr Major badly distracted. "He was very brittle and bad-tempered," recalled one, "and there was a lot of shouting about getting calls through quickly to London." Mr Major was not calling London to discuss the future of the Western alliance.

At that summit was formed the Franco-American front which has taken Nato to the brink of air strikes. This month, the French and American ambassadors to Nato jointly proposed an ultimatum and steamrollered Britain's reservations. "The British really were reluctant," said a Nato official who watched the meeting, "and at the beginning they were hiding behind the Greek and Canadian worries. But then they saw that they were going to be isolated and restricted themselves to seeking clarifications in the wording."

When M Edouard Balladur's centre-right government swept to power in *Paris last spring, the Foreign Office* went to energetic lengths to open new lines of communication. But the amity has cooled. France has discovered that it can be America's privileged partner as circumstances require. Neither side need worry too much about Britain, since the Government in London has trouble keeping up with the game. "I agree that we don't have much of a policy, but at least we *have* one," a French Nato official remarked to me. "I *think* that you Brits are just getting used to the idea — 20 years after the fact — that Germany is America's most important ally in Europe. Now you may have to adjust to the fact that you are third in Washington's priorities after us."

The Franco-American air strikes alliance is a marriage of convenience, not an axis. Suspicion of America runs as deep in the French political class as ever. But in this world of multilateral institutions, a marriage of convenience is better than no partnership at all. Shortage of friends will limit Britain's options when Germany and France hold the rotating presidency of the European Union later this year and early next, and start to shape the talks which will revise the Maastricht treaty in 1996. Last year the Foreign Office started brainstorming the problem with an enthusiasm that has since evaporated as the Government's European policy has shrunk to damage-limitation at the European Parliament elections in June.

Britain is not without assets in the never-ending search for allies in the international forums which count. The economy is comparatively healthy, our soldiers are impressive and in demand, and we are nimble at the United Nations. But ministers show no sign of being able to use diplomatic and political skills to convert these strengths into influence abroad.

Mr Hurd is respected, experienced and can open all the important doors. But increasingly he is seen in Washington as a weary man on the verge of retirement, who cannot put any spine in his Prime Minister. Neither he nor Malcolm Rifkind shows any of the appetite of their French counterparts for understanding and mastering the new chaos in the international system unleashed by the end of the Cold War. No foreign government can attach much weight to Mr Major's views, since they cannot safely assume that he will be in his job at Christmas. The débâcle of Britain's expulsion from the European exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992 still saps his credibility.

Frederick the Great remarked that foreign policy without military force was like music without instruments. In Bosnia, Britain now faces the opposite danger: the force is there, but the foreign policy is missing.

Pass the jewels

THE QUEEN will be little interested in Baronness Thatcher's squabble with Norma Major over the Downing Street necklace, for she has her own jewellery conundrum to contend with.

When she visits Russia later this year, she must decide whether to wear any of the fabulous baubles acquired by her grandmother Queen Mary from survivors of the Russian Imperial family in the 1920s.

After the exotic Grand Duchess Vladimir of Russia died in 1921, Queen Mary took possession of her magnificent diamond tiara of 15 interlaced circles and Oriental pearl drops. She bequeathed it on her death, three months before the coronation in 1953 to her eldest grand-daughter Elizabeth, who frequently wears it on state occasions.

Even more valuable jewels came into Queen Mary's hands seven years later, in 1928, when the murdered Tsar's two sisters, Grand Duchesses Xenia and Olga, arrived at Buckingham Palace. They brought with them the remains of the once-grand collection of their mother, the Dowager Empress Marie, who had died in 1928 in Denmark. And Queen Mary is said to have picked up some of the choicest trinkets at a very favourable rate.

In her book *The Royal Jewels*, Suzy Menkes, a former fashion editor of *The Times*, describes how the Grand Duchess, who had fled to Switzerland after the Russian Revolution, enlisted the help of an Englishman to retrieve her tiara from St Petersburg. He smuggled it out with other jewels in two Gladstone bags.

But Menkes believes they are unlikely to be in the Royal baggage for Her Majesty's Russian trip. "She is very sensitive to the need for jewels that are appropriate. You must remember the jewellery belonged to the Tsar's family within living memory," she says. "I do not think she will flash them about."

Hither or thither?

DAVID MELLOR, the arts-minister-turned-arts-pundit, seems to be cramming a little too much into his schedule. He has pulled out at the last minute of a debate on socialism at the Cambridge Union. And students point out sternly that this is not the first time he has cried off.

Last term he stood up the Cambridge University Conservative Association, of which he was chairman in 1970. Oxford's equivalent claims he refused to be its guest of honour at the chairman's dinner last November after a disagreement about his transport arrangements.

"People are starting to get a bit irritated with him," said Cambridge Union spokesman Duncan Reed. "He's quickly gaining a reputation for being completely unreliable."

This time it was unavoidable, says his secretary crisply. "He had to go west from London on business today, so he couldn't possibly make it east to Cambridge too."

The great unread

THE CONSERVATIVE member for Old Bexley and Sidcup will not be unduly impressed that John Campbell's biography *Edward Heath* reached a shortlist of 10 books for the £25,000 1994 NCR book award for non-fiction. For he has already told Sir Robin Day, one of the judges, that he has no plans to read it.

"I advised him that he ought to, because it's a good book," said Sir Robin over a glass of champagne when the shortlist was announced on Wednesday. "He said he wouldn't because the author didn't know enough about him."

Clare Short, Labour MP for Ladywood and another judge, was just finishing the work: "I enjoyed it more than I thought I would," she conceded, before swearing she had no intention of embarking on the scribblings of another former Prime Minister. "I can't be bothered with Margaret Thatcher's *Downing Street Years*. It wasn't submitted for the prize and there are so many other books I really want to read."

As for Sue Lawley, who is chairing the panel of judges, she was so impressed by Ranulph Fiennes's book *Mind Over Matter* — which has also been shortlisted — that she signed him up to appear on *Desert Island Discs* on the strength of it.

● *A pimp from New York called Junior was charged £65 for an orange juice in Soho while visiting London recently to put the case for prostitution on Channel 4's* Right to Reply. *Perhaps he won't be quite so keen on immoral earnings in future.*

Cubist but no square

NO WOMAN, it seems, was safe from Picasso's roving eye. Earlier this week at the launch of the Tate Gallery's Picasso exhibition, Lady Attenborough recalled how the Cubist rogue piled on the charm 30 years ago when the Attenboroughs visited him in France.

It was Richard Attenborough's 40th birthday, she explained, but Picasso was not much interested in the middle-aged actor. "He told me he never gave presents to men but loved giving presents to women. And he handed me this ceramic medallion," said Lady A, showing off the Picasso pendant hanging round her neck.



But Richard Attenborough had to buy his own birthday presents that year — an ashtray from Picasso's workshop for 30 shillings, and a plate for £4.

Nothing added

NUMBER-CRUNCHING does not appear to come easily to those who work in the Treasury. Only last year Norman Lamont was having trouble with his threes and fives. Now a Treasury minister is confusing his millions with his billions.

Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, asked this week about the borrowing limits of the European Investment Bank. Anthony Nelson, economic secretary at the Treasury, replied that the previously published figures of 57.6 million ecu for subscribed capital and 144 million ecu for total outstanding lending were incorrect. "They should have read 57.6 billion ecu and 144 billion ecu respectively."

● *Even before its launch,* Voilà!, *the "social pictorial monthly" which boasts the Marquess of Blandford as its motoring correspondent, is causing confusion among newsagents and distributors. Believing the glossy to be a women's consumer title, many have been calling it "Viola".*

THE GENERAL EXPECTS

But the Government still puts caution before courage

Any country, basking in the reflected glory of a celebrated general making an outstanding success of an international military operation, might find it difficult to turn a deaf ear to his request for help. Britain is rightly proud of Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the man who has led the move from resolution to strength, from ceasefire into separation of forces. Yet John Major yesterday answered General Rose's plea for urgent reinforcements with a promise of no more than 60 mortar-locating experts.

This is hardly the wholehearted commitment to the Nato strategy of threatening force to halt the bombardment of Sarajevo which Mr Major was enjoining on President Yeltsin. The Prime Minister insisted that Britain was meeting its obligations by redeploying two units from Vitez to Sarajevo. Britain already had over 2,300 troops in Bosnia, he said; it was now the turn of other nations to provide reinforcements to monitor the surrender of weapons.

It is true that Britain responded quickly to the United Nations request for troops to protect the humanitarian convoys, and has the second largest contingent in Bosnia after the French. But Britain has also been consistent in its opposition to battlefield intervention and in its refusal to sanction either air strikes or a change in the role of UN troops. Last week Britain lost the argument in Nato, and agreed both to the threat of force and the de facto change in the terms of the UN mission from peace keeping to peace enforcement. Partly to cover its embarrassment and to demonstrate a resolution wholly lacking in its niggardly attitude to the new Nato strategy, the Government trumpeted its refusal to contemplate fresh contingents for Bosnia.

General Rose wants British troops in Sarajevo because they have proved to be among the best in Bosnia. The attempt to secure Serb and Bosnian government guns is the most ambitious military task yet undertaken by Unprofor, the UN forces, demanding tact, resolution and courage as tensions and tempers rise. Largely because of Northern Ireland, British soldiers are more experienced than others in dealing with terrorist warlords and suspicious civilians: consequently they have proved themselves outstandingly capable in Central Bosnia. Commanders have brushed aside bureaucracy and rescued civilians. They have broken blockades on the convoy routes. They have remained impartial and uncorrupted.

Redeployment from Vitez will leave a gap in an area as fought over as Sarajevo, where aid is as short and atrocities as common. Mr Major clearly believes that this gap should be filled by someone else — Belgians perhaps, or non-European countries that might prove as effective as the Jordanians have been. This misses the point. Countries such as Jordan cannot send more troops because the UN is incapable of paying them. Britain can afford to wait for reimbursement. The latest opinion poll shows that the British public is far readier to accept air strikes than the Government appears to be.

The American refusal to respond to the UN call confirms the confusion and double-standards that have marked out the Clinton Administration policy on Bosnia. The Russian decision to send troops may be helpful in persuading the Serbs to give up their weapons — or it may encourage their resistance.

Britain has long prided itself as "punching above its weight." All-round capability and a highly professional army mean that the country remains a formidable military power, one that has used this strength to reinforce Western values and UN resolutions. Mr Major's refusal to respond to a call for more troops just when their presence is most critical is yet another demonstration of half-heartedness over the Nato decision. It is a fudge that satisfies no one, least of all General Rose. If the bombers have to go in on Monday, they should be able to count on full British backing for their difficult mission.

POISON FOR TODDLERS

Reduce the risks of taking a child to school

On many days in towns and cities, adults can detect pollution in the air. Few, however, realise that the air their small children breathe is more noxious still. Even on days that seem perfectly clear, babies and toddlers in pushchairs, just a couple of feet above the pavement, will be inhaling far more poisons than their parents. An investigation for *The Times* has found that levels of carbon monoxide at child height can be anything up to 53 per cent higher than at adult height.

Air pollution from vehicle emissions is very localised. So a small child being pushed in a buggy past a car exhaust will inhale substances that have mostly dissipated by the time they reach the height of an adult's nose and mouth. Similarly our investigation has shown that if children are pushed along pavements as far away from the kerb as possible, they can lessen the risk of inhaling fumes. Levels of carbon monoxide measured at child height at the kerbside were between 27 and 150 per cent higher than those recorded ten feet back from the kerb.

The lessons are clear. Parents of small children should, where possible, avoid pushing them along busy streets. High-sided prams offer better protection for babies than pushchairs. If they cannot avoid congested roads, they should walk as close to the shops and houses lining the streets as they can.

Changing the nature of school runs can help too. Parents should operate car pools or press schools to offer buses so as to reduce the number of cars waiting at the school gates with engines running. Schools should stagger their arrival and departure times and open several gates so that children do not have to sit in or walk past one huge queue of belching traffic.

Air pollution affects young children more than it does their parents. Because they tend to spend longer hours outdoors and to exercise more than adults, they inhale more air relative to their bodyweight, and therefore more pollutants. Their respiratory systems are not yet mature, and damage done in childhood can make them vulnerable to asthma for the rest of their lives.

Given these problems, anxious parents might reasonably expect to be able to find out about levels of roadside pollution that could endanger their children's health. Yet there is only one monitoring station in the whole of Britain that measures kerbside pollution levels. A European directive lays down that the stations should be sited "where nitrogen dioxide concentrations are likely to be among the highest, particularly 'canyon' streets carrying heavy traffic, and major intersections". Germany has 200 such stations.

Air pollution information should be as easy to come by as weather forecasts, just as it is in many American cities. Warnings should be given when pollution is likely to be particularly high, so that drivers can keep off the roads and parents can keep their children inside. Without knowledge, people are powerless to protect themselves. The onus is on Government, national and local, to make that knowledge available.

SHIFTING SLOGANS

The Prime Minister should leave basics behind

A slogan was originally a Celtic warcry, yelled to rally the clan and terrify the enemy. It was never meant to provoke a tribal debate. Words and phrases change their meanings, attracting and repelling associations over time: the more they are used the more rapidly that process takes place. Whatever meaning John Major originally intended for "back to basics", it does not have that meaning now. What was once a rallying cry for the Tory faithful is now a phrase that brings sneers and sniggers.

In yesterday's *Daily Express* Mr Major published a new defence of "back to basics". It was an article which, we were told, he "interrupted his trip to Russia to write". Once again he wrapped decent policies in a phrase whose freshest connotations are of adultery, hypocrisy and disgrace. He does neither himself nor his policies any service by continuing to use the words. He does himself real harm by making their continued use a test of political manhood.

At the Conservative Party conference, the slogan served its immediate purpose of rallying his tribe around worthy values of self-discipline, respect for the law and consideration for others. It may not have terrified the enemy, but it possessed a slogan's characteristic virtues of brevity, alliteration and imprecision. If it also had a slogan's fatal flaws of triviality, imprecision and potential for distortion, that need not have mattered so much.

The most lasting slogans are those that promise the vaguest good to the greatest number. Such promise gave wings to Roosevelt's New Deal and Kennedy's New Frontier. Few voters anywhere are so content with life that they are going to disapprove of an unspecified new deal. "Great" is a warm word as in "the great society", whereas "big" as in "big Government" is not. When Macmillan said that "most of our people have never had it so good" he was being a little too specific. So was Margaret Thatcher's wish to restore Victorian values. Political nostalgia should never be dated.

A slogan need not be strictly true, as shown by the success of "There is no real alternative", "Guinness is Good for You", and "The lady's not for turning". But it should not be an obvious fib, as was Harold Wilson's assertion that the "pound in your pocket" was not being devalued. Predictions of the immediate future are dangerous. Remember those "green shoots" that were quickly abandoned as weeds and Harold Wilson's prophecy that the Rhodesian rebellion would be ended within weeks rather than months? A week was then not long enough in politics.

"Back to basics" is four months past its shout-by date. Its meaning has been distorted and misinterpreted. But that, in itself, is nothing for the Prime Minister to be despondent about. Slogans do not have to last: they were always there to be discarded when the charge was over.

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Making the best and fairest use of our civil servants

From Mr D. W. Harbourne

Sir, In "Whitewash in Whitehall" (Management, Section 3, February 10) Sir Peter Kemp speaks about senior appointments in the Civil Service.

Far too much attention is given to the appointment of a very small group of senior civil servants in the grades of under secretary, deputy secretary and permanent secretary. I believe that a problem which is just as pressing is the gradual loss of talented people at principal and assistant secretary level.

In the fast stream you can get to the level of principal very quickly. The next promotion is then at least ten years away. After that it can be a lottery as to whether you make it further. If you do, the chances are you will be 45 years old by the time you get to under secretary.

In the meantime the work you do can be tedious. It is certainly unrewarding in a monetary sense. Furthermore, there is no sense that your work is valued by ministers, still less by the general public.

The result is that many — myself included — end up leaving. Does this bode well for the future of the senior Civil Service? I think not.

I have submitted proposals to the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee's sub-committee, chaired by Giles Radice, for the establishment of a new cadre of civil servants at principal level, to be managed by the Cabinet Office, encouraging mobility between departments and indeed between the public and private sectors. This would create incentives to remain within the Civil Service.

I do not doubt that others are thinking about the same problems and that alternative solutions may be put forward. However, there is no public debate at present: it is about time that there was.

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From Professor Frederick C. Thayer

Sir, Sir Peter Kemp, a former permanent secretary, fears that the Government is not moving strongly enough to change the status quo of the Civil Service. He apparently wants to make it easier to remove civil servants, while paying bigger salaries to those who remain. Above all, he wants more competition for senior positions and an independent selection process. There are some dangers here.

The United States, which copied the British example when it established a Civil Service in 1883, has been worsening that service since 1978, and Britain would be well advised not to do so.

In both countries the Civil Service was established to reduce if not eliminate the inevitable corruption that occurs when the intense competition of politics is combined with economic conditions that are less than fully prosperous.

To do their jobs civil servants must have more job security, not less, and they cannot be made prisoners of the yearly *political* assessments of their performance. The politicians of the 19th century admitted that the job of civil servants was to control the politicians, not the other way round.

Recent events in the US and the UK suggest that both countries are gradually reinstating old-style "spoils systems", cleverly using "managerial efficiency" as an alleged ground rule. The fact that others do not have the job security they need is not a reason for taking it away from civil servants.

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Portillo charges and the true state of British attainment

From Mr Nicholas A. H. Stacey

Sir, Taking Mr Portillo's comments about academic qualifications dishonestly acquired in foreign countries (report, February 5) at their face value, Albert Einstein and other non-British nationals were most probably corruptly awarded the Nobel Prize; such unthinking comments, apart from being false, are negative contributions to much-needed international amity in a turbulent world.

Mr Portillo must feel British culture so pervasive that he finds safety in jingoism to prove his credentials. This kind of tribal narcissism is not a fit and proper example for young Britons living in a multicultural world, however much its populist appeal is embraced by Conservative politicians of the "radical chic" persuasion.

Britain has experienced four or five devaluations since the Second World War, has slipped back in the industrial league tables, has a shrinking share of world trade and a declining standard of living compared with its partners in the original EC six; our education system has not been manifestly successful in redressing this balance. Perhaps we can learn a little from the continentals and the Americans after all, Mr Portillo.

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From Mr Edgar Jones

Sir, What a mealy-mouthed nation we have become! Michael Portillo, in accusing other countries of selling qualifications, has said nothing that academics with experience of foreign education systems do not know to be true.

Fifteen years ago, while on secondment, invigilating at my first university examination in Iran I was stunned to see my students openly cheating as if their lives depended on it.

It was at about the same time that an English overseas examining board, which had better be nameless, had to arrange a last-minute re-jigging of the O-level English examination, a vigilant eye having discovered the forthcoming question papers being sold in Kampala market.

Yours sadly,
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From Mr Philip Bastos Martin

Sir, Enoch Powell asserts (*Times* Essay, February 7) that it is Parliament's renunciation of its sovereign authority that has caused it to lose respect. His assertion is fundamentally flawed. All institutions, no matter how venerable or ancient, must evolve if they are to survive.

There is no "national suicide" except where those very institutions refuse to let go of the past and face the present, not to mention the future. "Europe" is not as distant as he would let us believe. The United Kingdom is inextricably linked to the rest of Europe not only physically now, but economically and, perhaps more importantly, culturally and historically: facts which Mr Powell tended to skim over.

It is Powell's blinkered, insular view of the UK's historical and present position in relation to the rest of the world that should be regarded with contempt, and it is the arrogant failure of our institutions to adapt to the latter half of the 20th century that has led to the lack of respect in which they are held.

This situation, I submit, would alter radically and positively were Parliament to open its doors to change, were the Church of England to be disestablished, and were the Monarch to swear allegiance to a written constitution. To return to a period where the Crown (in all its senses) is supreme is to fail to live up to our present challenges and our future expectations.

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From Mr C. R. W. Wysock Wright

Sir, Enoch Powell, as always, is dead right. We are an island nation that has fought for its independence for 1,000 years.

We have spent the last 300 years keeping Europe divided and have fought the French and the Germans. Why we remain subservient to the Americans is a mystery. We have conceded our independence as a result of skulduggery, and I maintain that if average Englishmen knew how our elected members of Parliament had let them down they would vote them out. We are a fiercely independent nationalist country and proud of it. Good for Michael Portillo.

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From Mr C. F. A. T. Halliday

Sir, The Scott enquiry has raised questions about the stance and behaviour of people in high places in the Matrix Churchill affair. Is it not tempting the fates for Michael Portillo to chatter on about British high standards at this time?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HALLIDAY,
1 Fairfields, Hurst Green,
Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Tribute to Calman

From Professor Brice Pitt

Sir, Despite lugubrious reflections on how much he was contributing to the cost of his psychotherapist's luxurious limousine ("Have I paid for the front wheels yet?") Mel Calman (obituary and letter, February 12) was a good friend to the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

He was the perfect illustrator of the "Help is at Hand" leaflets, dealing with depression, phobias, insomnia — even bereavement — and distributed free to fellow-sufferers up and down the country. Only last month he was in cracking form at the launch of a book, *Down with Gloom!* (his title, of course), for the public phase of our joint "Defeat depression" campaign.

His wry wit made him a great favourite at the college, and we shall miss him keenly.

Yours sincerely,
BRICE PITT
(Public Education Director),
The Royal College of Psychiatrists,
17 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Advertising standards

From Mr Robert Barnes

Sir, Of course it is shocking — that is the point ("Benetton blasts another taste frontier", Marketing, February 16). But to what purpose? Why should we support the exploitation of bloody images to help the rich grow richer?

Where is this kind of advertising leading, if not to a society bent on decay from within, unshockable, all compassion spent — in the name of commerce? And if we feel that the dulling of sensitivity towards suffering threatens our own future, then how should we respond, without increasing publicity?

Until the situation changes, and reparations are made — perhaps a sum equivalent to that being spent on the campaign should be sent to the International Red Cross — we can all exercise our democratic right to shop elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BARNES,
5 Hatley St George,
Sandy, Bedfordshire.

MPs' researchers

From Mr David Rein and Mr Thomas Randell

Sir, As researchers working for members on opposite sides of the House we feel that you are very much mistaken in characterising us and our colleagues as "bimbos" and "matronly" (Alice Thomson's article, "Who are the MPs' researchers?", February 15). If only that were true.

In regard to certain researchers recently in the news, we can only concur with Edmund Burke, Lord Rockingham's ex-researcher, who argued some 200 years ago:

"We must soften into a credulity below the milkiness of infancy to think all men virtuous. We must be tainted with a malignity truly diabolical, to believe all the world to be equally wicked and corrupt."

Yours etc,
DAVID REIN (Conservative),
THOMAS RANDELL (Labour),
House of Commons.
February 16.

Mountain rescue

From Mr Robin Brewster

Sir, As a hill walker, can I correct the conception that those of us who go out on the Scottish mountains in winter are irresponsible and that mountain rescue teams are reluctant, put-upon people who would rather sit at home than go on a rescue.

Hill walkers do it for fitness, love of nature, self-development and the pleasure of being in one of the most beautiful places in the world and seeing it all from 3,000 feet, as very few do.

The mountain rescue teams do it "not because we are jolly good chaps, but because we like doing it. Rescue keeps us fit, gives us something to talk about and bestows on us the selfish satisfaction of feeling that we are doing good" (Hamish MacInnes, Glencoe mountain rescue, from his book, *Sweep Search*).

The RAF helicopter and ground crews do it as a service but also as real training, which helped to save the lives of Service personnel in the Falklands and may yet do so in Bosnia. Every flight by a helicopter may cost £8,000 per hour, but so does every RAF training flight over our Fenland house, several times a day on mock exercises.

Most hill walkers are aware of the consequences of having an accident and take sensible precautions. Mrs Greaves (reports, February 16, 17; letters, February 17) was more likely to be killed or injured driving up to Scotland from Manchester. She is merely living life to the full, which is the main motivation for the thousands who go seeking adventure on the hills every week.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN BREWSTER,
2 Chestnut Drive, Thorney,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Dr Donald H. Taylor

Sir, Charging the full cost of mountain rescue to the rescued (Dr Weiglehofer's letter) would lead to some interesting if macabre situations. Mrs Greaves might then have done well to go on walking off the hill past her would-be rescuers until she came to the nearest bus stop.

Would we want to threaten climbers with huge bills because someone else decides they need rescuing? Would anyone have the freedom (in advance) to decline rescue and the consequent risk of financial ruin? And what about those unfortunates who do not survive: would their estates have to foot the bill? Or are we just talking about another slice of profitable business for insurance companies?

Yours etc,
DON TAYLOR
Grove House, 2 University Road,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Disagreement on London hospitals

From the Chairman of the Welsh Association of Health Authorities and Trusts

Sir, Shame on William Rees-Mogg ("Mad elephants can ruin your health", February 14) for being so ill-informed about the NHS. No wonder the Secretary of State is having such a hard time making London's health services more efficient.

By using high-cost hospitals for matters that could and should be dealt with by GPs, Londoners waste precious *National* Health Service resources. It may not matter to Lord Rees-Mogg that Londoners devour more of the NHS cake, without paying more, but it most certainly does matter to the rest of us.

The sooner all London GPs offer the same extensive range of care in a cost-efficient primary setting — as here in Wales — the sooner will the NHS deploy its finite resources with equity.

Yours faithfully,
VANESSA BOURNE, Chairman,
Welsh Association of Health
Authorities and Trusts,
c/o Dyfed Family Health
Services Association,
Francis Well, Carmarthen, Dyfed.
February 15.

From Mr Lloyd Rankin

Sir, I received my pre- and post-graduate education at Guy's and have a great affection for the place. It is natural therefore that I mourn the proposed change in status. Ian Murray's report, "Staff and patients angered by Bottomley's plans for Guy's" (later editions, February 11), explains why this is not a good decision.

I am appalled by the lack of foresight which allows a large new building to be erected and its function denied before it is even occupied. But it is the immorality of having accepted huge private donations and then not fulfilling the wishes of the benefactors that is even more injurious to this Government's reputation. Would it be too much to ask for the money to be returned?

Yours faithfully,
LLOYD RANKIN,
Herons, Barnston,
Dunmow, Essex.
February 11.

From Dr J. Easterbrooke

Sir, William Rees-Mogg defends resource centralisation but perhaps does not understand the extent to which improved technology has enabled the dispersal of expertise. The corollary should be uniform care throughout the country and less disruption to the lives of patients when they are least able to tolerate it.

Despite Rees-Mogg's theatrical analogy, there is a significant difference between the availability of operatic tenors and that of orthopaedic surgeons, despite their theatrical connections. The former you consult for pleasure, the latter out of necessity.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN EASTERBROOKE,
23 Addison Road,
Southsea, Hampshire.
February 14.

Tax coding errors

From Mr Jonathan Penn

Sir, I am afraid that Sir Anthony Battishill, chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, is hopelessly optimistic in stating that only 9 or 10 per cent of tax codings issued are wrong (report, February 15; letters, February 16). In this office we are keeping a running tally of tax codings that we are checking and, to date, approximately 38.5 per cent are wrong owing to the Inland Revenue not correctly using the information they have to hand.

In one case a notice of coding had to be reissued three times before the Inland Revenue had given the correct allowances.

With these errors, the assumption that PAYE is collecting the right amount of tax is surely one that must be questioned.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN PENN
(Tax partner),
Kidsons Impey
(Chartered Accountants),
Friars Courtyard, 30 Princes Street,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
February 16.

From Mr David McFetrich

Sir, When I first started to pay income tax there was something called Earned Income Allowance, which was set at 2/9ths of earnings (i.e., 22.22222 — how much room have you got? — per cent). I concluded that the people who designed and administered the tax system in this country were crazy. None of their actions in the last 35 years has given me cause to change my mind.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID McFETRICH,
8 Tower Road West,
Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
February 17.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 17: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

His Excellency the Hon George Gair and Mrs Gair were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, National Playing Fields Association, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at Coopers and Lybrand, 1 Embankment Place, London WC2.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 17: Major-General Peter Davies today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment.

Brigadier Jeremy Gaskell also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Colonel of The King's Regiment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 17: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, this afternoon opened the Leopold Muller Magnetic Resonance Scanning Unit at the Hospital, Smithfield, London EC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 17: The Duke of Kent, President, the Imperial War Museum, this afternoon attended the opening of the D-Day to Victory Exhibition, Lambeth Road, London SE1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, this evening attended the British Computer Society Awards Lecture, at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

Mr Nicholas Adamson was in attendance

Memorial services

The Marquis of Normanby
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Marquis of Normanby will be held in York Minster at 3.00pm on Friday, March 11, 1994. Tickets are not required but Garter Knights intending to be present are asked to inform the Chapter Clerk, Church House, Ogleforth, York, YO1 2JN. (Tel: York (0904) 647577). Morning Dress or lounge suits.

Michael Gale
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael Gale will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 3.30pm, on Tuesday, March 1, 1994. Donations in lieu of flowers to: Bishop R.O. Hall Chinese Centre or Guys Hospital Trust.

Mr Ian Macpherson
A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Mr Ian Macpherson, former chairman of three Scottish companies and a director of the International Stock Exchange, will be held at St Giles Cathedral, High Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, March 4, 1994, at 11am. It would assist the organisers greatly if those attending could notify Fiona Downie, Watson & Philip plc, Strathtay House, Dundee Technology Park, Dundee, DD2 1TP, if possible by February 28 (telephone (0382 592006). Any donations to Leukaemia & Cancer Children's Fund, 14 Featherhall Place, Edinburgh, EH12 7TN.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York will open the Probation Centre, Harrogate, at 11.15; and, as patron, will unveil a stained glass window at the Northern Police Convalescent Home, Harrogate, at 12.30.

Luncheon

Farmers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Gotch, attended the Farmers' Company livery luncheon held yesterday at the Mansion House. Mrs E.R. Wheatley-Hubbard, Master, presided.

Royal Astronomical Society

1994 awards:
Gold Medals: Professor James E. Gunn of Princeton University; Professor T.R. Kaiser of Sheffield University.
The Chapman Medal: Professor W.L. Axford of the Max-Planck-Institut für Aeronomie at Katlenburg-Lindau, Germany.
The Price Medal: Professor J.A. Jacobs of University College Aberystwyth.

Lord Lieutenant

Mrs Mary Fagan to be Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire in succession to the late Sir James Scott.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of Mr Alexis Galanos, President of the Cyprus House of Representatives. The High Commissioner for Cyprus was present. The other guests were: Mr Tom Cox, MP, Mr Alan Keen, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr David Lidington, MP, Mr Alan Meale, MP, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, Dr Ian Twinn, MP, Mr Nigel Waterson, MP, Mr John Sweetman, Mr Thomas Tomlinson and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

RN College Greenwich
A reception and dinner was held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, to mark the conferment of degrees and diplomas in Nuclear Reactor Technology and Radiological Protection on students of the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology. Professor D.C.C. Gibbs, director of the department, presided. Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord and Admiral President of the College, delivered the graduation address.

National Liberal Club
Mr Ken Livingstone, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the National Liberal Club given by the political and economic circle last night at Whitehall Place.

University College London
Dr A.C.H. Smith delivered a lecture to the Crabtree Foundation after the annual dinner held last night at University College London. Dr Roderick Fisher presided.

Chester Business Club
Senator Gordon Wilson was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Abbots Well Hotel, Chester. Mr Ronald Smith, chairman, presided. Mr Tom Hunt, president, and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, secretary, also spoke.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Hugh Thomas looks out over Winchester's Lower Barracks, which he hopes to save from redevelopment

Defence ministry under fire over barracks

AN ELEVENTH-HOUR attempt to prevent the historic Peninsula Barracks, in the heart of Winchester, from being redeveloped as a housing estate was launched this week by Save Britain's Heritage (SAVE). It has the backing of English Heritage, the Victorian Society and the Winchester Preservation Trust (John Young writes).

The 19th-century barracks, mostly constructed during the Crimean War, epitomises the heyday of the British Empire, and is among the very few to have survived intact. Despite occupying about a quarter of the ancient city, the barracks is surprisingly little known, even to the local inhabitants.

The site dates from Roman times, and was occupied by the medieval castle built by William the Conqueror. The English bowmen assembled there before crossing to France for the battles of Crecy and Agincourt; troops were mustered there during the Napoleonic wars; fifty years ago the present barracks was used to house American and colonial troops before the D-Day invasion.

The defence ministry, which came under fire last week from Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, for not abiding by the rules that applied to other owners of historic properties and for allowing buildings to deteriorate, wants to sell the site as a whole or in two parts for development. It has obtained planning permission for the demolition of all the Lower Barracks.

SAVE says its scheme would retain all the present buildings on the site, which would be converted to new uses at a much lower density, creating a network of public gardens and walks. To leave the site to market forces would render the listed Upper Barracks "meaningless" and would fail to secure the future of an historic entity in a designated conservation area.

Hugh Thomas, the architect who has produced the SAVE scheme, said yesterday that it would provide a further attraction for tourists who bring some £15 million a year to the city. He doubted whether, in the present economic climate, any developer would be interested in financing the sort of scheme envisaged by the Ministry of Defence.

"This is not any ordinary building site," he said. "Here is an opportunity to reset a lost jewel in Winchester's historic crown."

Birthdays today

Mr Rob Andrew, rugby player, 31; Mr Michael Buerk, broadcaster, 48; Miss Phyllis Calvert, actress, 79; Mr José Maria Canizares, golfer, 47; Miss Jean E. Cooke, painter, 67; Miss Sinead Cusack, actress, 46; Mr Roy Dean, diplomat, 67; Mr Phillip DeFreitas, cricketer, 28; Mr Len Deighton, author, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Donald Dunstan, 71; Professor E.G. Edwards, former vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 80; Mr Milos Forman, film director, 62; Sir Charles Frossard, former Bailiff of Guernsey, 72; Sir Eric Gairy, former Prime Minister of Grenada, 72; Mr Graeme Garden, actor and comedian, 51; Dr J.C. Houston, former dean, United Medical and Dental Schools, Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital, 77; Mr Colin Jackson, athlete, 27; Sir Peter Laurence, diplomat, 71; Miss Prue Leith, cookery writer and caterer, 54; Sir Michael Lickiss, accountant, 60; Mr Peter Luff, MP, 39; Professor William McKane, former principal, St Mary's College, St Andrews University, 73; Sir Arthur Norman, former chairman, World Wide Fund for Nature, UK, 77; Mr Swraj Paul, company chairman, 63; Mr Bobby Robson, former manager, England Football team, 61; Miss Cybill Shepherd, actress, 44; Mr Ned Sherrin, producer, director and writer, 63; Sir Max Williams, solicitor, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir John Wilsey, 55.

Calls to the Bar

Hilary Term 1994
Call day February 17

Inner Temple

D J Penhale, Bristol; E E P Condon, Wembley; C L Gittens, London E16; F N B Okosi, London SW18; N W Smith, Stroud, Glouc; N B Cunningham, Cheltenham; K Beecroft, London E2; R Emodi, London SW12; D Maxwell, London NW3; I Z Kamaruzzaman, Jaya, Malaysia; J Sample, Middlesbrough; A D Hussain, London W5; D Rampersad, Edgware; A E McClennon Garland, Stafford; A A Owoyele, London NW9; B J G MacKenzie-Williams, London SW1; J F Holmes, Ipswich; A S Feest, Exeter; D Parry, Farnworth, Bolton; C Thomas, Bridgend; G D Colin, Bolney, Sussex; N J Stevenson, London NW10; R Baruah, Sutton Coldfield; T Fowler, Sheffield; A C J Warman, Pontypool, Gwent; K A Taulbut, W Wittering; M G Alexander-Wall, Cromarty; J M Cowdell, Keighley, Yorks; L A Finnegan, London SW15; J M Parr, London NW11; E M Davies, London N1.

In absence
T L Keng, Hong Kong; D W J Beazer, London WC1.

Middle Temple

N K Ubhi, London SW17; A J Field, London SW1; P F M Nugent, London N8; T C Macey-Dare, London E14; A S Mosawi, Shiplake, Berks; R A Khan, Crawley, Sussex; K B Wood, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne & Wear; J Alexander, London NW10; A J Webber, Worthing; S J S Nussle, London SW6; C D Fender, Croydon; S S Wong, Kuala Lumpur; J D Seedon, Sheffield; P B Ong, Singapore; T M C Allen, London W1; F J Sharples, London SW6; P J Viney, London SW1; E S Lawrence, London N19; J B Keeble, London W6; F A N Dyson, London N5; K Singh, Singapore; R Singh, Singapore; P J E Whipple, London W1; E R Snellet, London SE10; S J Owens, Birmingham; S G Baker, Liverpool; J S Pitt, Cambridge.

Gray's Inn

E M-W Tang, Kowloon; A J Workman, Warrington; J M Spooner, Hull; J W Fryer-Spedding, Keswick; J Carter, Yelverton, Devon; L Gibson, Bath; V K Nassar, Burnage, Manchester; D A Feetham, Twickenham; J H S Foulser, Abergavenny; D M Fawcett, Kempston, Beds; J K Henley-Price, W Brompton, London; S Ahmed, Kenley, Surrey; A-K Mukhi, Kensington, London; C E S Adams, Little Kineton, Warks; A E Ives, St John's Wood; B J Walsh, Norcholt; N J Stubbings, Cambridge; D A Grantham, Plymouth; A A Ajoh, Swindon; J K Hourican, Pinner; P Maddox, Swansea; P Iacovides, Nicosia, Cyprus; J A G Rodrigo, Colombo, Sri Lanka; M Dhaniram, Trinidad; E D A Chibwana, Lilongwe, Malawi; Y-F D Mok, Hong Kong.

Lincoln's Inn

K P Kyriacou, London N21; N Muhamed-Noor, Perak; R J L Coleman, London SW5; A Corcut, Urmston, Manchester; B J Molyneux, London W9; G Benjamin, London NW10; K L D M Gunasekera, Colombo; S Mansingh, Trinidad; W P Roberts, London E11; M J Di Rienzo, Harrow, London; E C Hanna, London SW12; N S Nair, Johor; C Gannon, London E11; M J Lawson, Colchester; D J Green, London N16; A Biondi, Nottingham; S A Frost, Danbury, Essex; C S Fowler, Haverhill, Suffolk; M Constantinou, Larnaca, Cyprus; J Thornton, Ruddington, Notts; R A de Menezes, Braunsgore, Hants; D Field, London E14; J Ivens, London N6; S E Haggerty, London WC1; D N Endicott, London SW3; S Agha, London NW7; B J C Ottaway, London E1; L C Redpath, London W9; S Ramakrishnan, Kuala Lumpur; Ganaselvarani d/o Duraipandi, Singapore; G Chacko, Singapore; K K Mahli, Kuala Lumpur; W P Londors, Halstead, Essex; J Mohamed Shafie, Kedah, Malaysia; Tham W Y, London W8; M S Khan, Luton; S H Gallagher, London W11; A J Oakley, Cambridge.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Queen Mary I, reigned 1553-58, Greenwich, 1516; Robert Henry, historian, St Ninian's, Stirlingshire, 1718; Count Alessandro Volta, physicist, Como, Italy, 1743; Henry Martyn, missionary, Truro, 1781; Marshall Hall, physician, Basford, Nottinghamshire, 1790; George Peabody, American philanthropist, South Danvers, Massachusetts, 1795; Ramakrishna, Hindu mystic, Hooghly, Bengal, 1836; Ernst Mach, physicist, Chirlitz-Turas, Austria, 1838; Sholem Aleichem (Solomon Rabinowitz), Yiddish and Hebrew writer, Ukraine, 1859; Tom Wallis, actor-producer, Kingsthorpe, Northamptonshire, 1883; Andrés Segovia, guitarist, Linares, Spain, 1894; André Breton, poet and critic, pioneer of Surrealism, Tinchebray, France, 1896; Enzo Ferrari, racing car manufacturer, Modena, 1898.

DEATHS: Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim, physician and theologian, Grenoble, 1535; Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, Eisleben, Germany, 1546; Michelangelo Buonarroti, sculptor, painter and poet, Rome, 1564; James Corbett (Gentleman Jim), World heavyweight boxing champion 1892-97, New York, 1933; Robert Oppenheimer, physicist and pioneer of the atom bomb, Princeton, New Jersey, 1967; Luigi Dallapiccola, composer, Florence, 1975.

John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* was published, 1678.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.N. Buesnel and Miss J.A. Hadley
The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr and Mrs Royston Buesnel, of Champ Colin, St Saviour's, Jersey, and Julie-Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Hadley, of Brentwood, Essex.

Mr C.J. Byrt and Miss S.M. Davidson
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of His Honour Judge John Byrt, QC, and Mrs Byrt, of London, NW1, and Sine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Davidson, of Mossley Hill, Liverpool.

Mr M. Evans and Miss M.J. Fleming
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Evans, of Dewar Drive, Sheffield, and Martha Jayne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Fleming, of Chuny Gardens, Edinburgh.

Dr P.J. Fisher and Miss C. Dorward
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Paul, only son of the late Mr D.R. (Jack) Fisher and of Mrs Eileen Fisher, of Chemole, Dorset, and Colette, younger daughter of the late Mr Ivor G.M.G. Dorward and of Mrs Priscilla Hopekirk, of Helensburgh, Strathclyde.

Mr R.J. Fountain and Miss F.J. Hart
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr Michael Fountain, of Dunsfold, Surrey, and Mrs Jennifer Fountain, of Wonersh, Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Hart, of Checkendon, Oxfordshire.

Mr D.G. Gidney and Miss N.C. Julier
The engagement is announced between Daniel, second son of Mr Norman Gidney, CBE, and Mrs Gidney, of Haven Pastures, Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, and Nadine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Julier, of Stanway, Essex.

Señor J.B. Gómez-Calcerrada y Román and Miss H.J. Fielden
The engagement is announced between José Benito, only son of Señor Don José Ramón Gómez-Calcerrada and Señora Doña Matilde Román de Gómez-Calcerrada, of Alcázar de San Juan, La Mancha, Spain, and Henrietta, only daughter of Mr John Fielden, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Mrs Kenneth Little, of Lincoln.

Mr A.J. Martin and Mrs V.H. Eldridge
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Major Arthur Denis Martin and of Mrs Heather Pedrick, of Tunbridge Wells, and Valerie, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Taylor, of Etchingham.

Mr S.C. Russell and Miss M.L. Penfold
The engagement is announced between Simon Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Russell, of Barnes, London, and Michaela, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Penfold, of Crewkerne, Somerset.

Mr C.R. Coleman and Miss L.M. Stone
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of John and Doreen Coleman, and Judith Coleman, and Lucy, daughter of Rene and the late Alec Stone.

Mr R.C. Neilson-Sloan and Miss E.C. Renouf
The engagement is announced between Robert Neilson-Sloan, of West Kensington, London, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.A. Renouf, of Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Mr S. Nicholson and Miss C.J. Davey
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Nicholson, of Woking, Surrey, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Davey, of Shoreham, Sussex.

Mr J.M. Scott and Miss E.M.G. Cameron
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Wing Commander and Mrs Clive Scott, of St Lawrence Bay, Essex, and Elspeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Gordon Cameron, of Hessle, North Humberside.

Mr N.J. Somper and Miss A.J. Roberts
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mrs Maureen Somper and the late Mr Geoffrey Somper, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mrs Bernard Klug and Mr Leon Roberts.

Mr R.M. Sturley and Miss V. Sutton
The engagement is announced between Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan E. Sturley, of Warwick, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John D. Sutton, of Crawley Down, West Sussex.

Mr B.B.L. Terry and Miss L.C. Cranna
The engagement is announced between Barnaby, son of Mrs Mavis Terry and the late Mr Walter Terry, of Blackheath, London, and Louise, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Maxwell Cranna, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Captain S.R. West and Miss A.C. Charteris
The engagement is announced between Captain Simon West, The Gordon Highlanders, son of Major and Mrs W.D.R. West, of Kirks Lodge, Northamptonshire, and Annabel, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.A. Charteris, of Cullivait, Dumfriesshire.

Mr B.C.T. Whitworth and Miss F.J. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Whitworth, retd, and Mrs Whitworth, of Whitegates, Highlands Road, Farnham, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Sinclair, of Gambling Croft, Dalston, Cumbria.

Marriage

Mr S.D. Barrett and Miss J.S. Asscher
The marriage took place on Monday, February 7, in Scarborough, Tobago, of Steven, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Barrett, and Jane, elder daughter of Sir William and Lady Asscher.

Church of Scotland

Ordinations and Inductions
The Rev Alastair Bull to Kilbarchan East, Paisley; the Rev Scott McKenna to Viewpark, Uddingston; the Rev Alastair J MacLennan to Resolis and Urquhart; the Rev R MacLeod to Bracadale; the Rev Wm McPherson to Bo'ness Old; the Rev Russel Smith to St Clement's, Dingwall; the Rev Fraser K Turner to South and Quarter, Hamilton.

Ordination
The Rev Ewan R Kelly, Associate at Currie, Edinburgh.

Translations
The Rev Angus Kerr from Viewforth, Kirkcaldy to Newton Mearns, Glasgow; the Rev W McLaren, from Associate, Old West Kirk, Greenock, to Polbeth Harwood; the Rev Mary B Morrison from Carmichael with Covington and Thankerton with Pettinain to Stenhouse St Aidan's, Edinburgh.

Retirements
The Rev R J M Andrew from Burnhead, Uddingston; The Rev Robert Morrison from Orr Square, Paisley.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Llandaff
The Rev Robert Mar Erskine Paterson, Vicar of Gabalfa, to be Rector of Llanbethlian with Cowbridge and Llandough with St Mary Church.
The Rev Edwin Charles Robert Counsell, Curate of Cardiff St Mary and St Stephen with SS Dyfrig and Samson, to be Vicar of Penddylan with Welsh St Donats.
The Rev Robert Harman Morgan, Vicar of Glan Ely, to be also Honorary Canon of Llandaff Cathedral.

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As God in his wisdom ordained, the world failed to find him by its wisdom, and he chose by the folly of the gospel to save those who have faith.
1 Corinthians 1. 21 (REB)

BIRTHS

BENSON-COLPI - On January 5th, at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Teresa and Michael, a daughter, Cosima Marie Lucia.
BULL - On February 12th at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Penelope (née Taylor) and Roderick, a son, Dominic James, a brother for Catherine and Patrick.
CHAPPELL - On 17th February at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, to Ann and Paul, a son, Jonathan Paul.
DOWNES - On 12th February, at Leicester Royal Infirmary, George Ellis William, a son to Louise and Ellis.
GLOVER - On February 15th 1994, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Elizabeth and James, a beautiful daughter, Isabel Alice.
HALLYBONE - On 13th February, to Margaret (née Sunsaw) and Huw, a son, Jack Christopher, a brother for Claire
HANCOCK - On February 13th, to Claire (Gordon-Brown) and Peter, a daughter, Isabel Maryam Rose, a sister for Joss.
JOSEPH - On February 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Denise (née Bass) and David, an adorable son, Samuel Alexander.
KIDWELL - On 13th February 1994 in Singleton Hospital, Swansea, to Victoria (nee Jolly) and Mathew, a son, a brother for Amelia.
KLEYN - On February 16th, to Julie (née Blight) and Patrick, a son, Thomas James Henri
LLOYD GEORGE - On 16th February 1994, in Hong Kong, to Robert and Donna (née Huffy), a son, Alexander Gwilym, a brother for Richard, Alice and Julia.
POLAK - On February 16th 1994, to Sally (née Bolton-Jones) and David, a son, Harry Charles, a brother for Thomas.
POLLEY - On February 10th, to Claire (née Mousley) and Neil, a daughter, Alicia Charlotte Gemma, a sister for Lucy.

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POSNETT - On 16th February, to Hannah and Dickon, a son, Charles James.
PRATT - On February 13th, to Karen (née Feroze) and Ward, a son, Sebastian, a brother for Isabelle.
SEDGMAN - On February 16th 1994 in Brisbane, to Harriet (née Beebe) and Keith, twin sons, Samuel and Kristian, first great-grandchildren for Marjorie Storey of Woodbridge.
WAKEFORD - On 16th February, to Alice (née Clark) and Joe, a daughter, Augusta Elizabeth Helena, a sister for George and Charles.
WELSH - On Valentine's Day, February 14th, to Sophie (née Macfarlane) and Robert, a son, Feargus Oliver Macfarlane.
WHITELEY - On 17th February, to Louise and Tim, a beautiful daughter, Elise, a sister for Lewis.

DEATHS

ADAMS - (Liane) Nancy, née Laurier, on 16th February 1994, aged 84, in Cartmavel General Hospital, Glasgow, after a short illness. Formerly of Pax Hill Education Centre, Bentley, Hampshire. Beloved sister of Nell; devoted wife of the late Kenneth Adams; much loved and loving mother of Alison, mother-in-law of Stephen Rawles, grandmother of Richard and Marianne; friend and listener to many. Funeral at Clydebank Crematorium at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd February Donations if desired to Oxfam.

BARKER - On 16th February, Allen George William, peacefully at his home in Hedgerley Dean, Buckinghamshire, aged 86. Much loved husband of Dorothy, father and grandfather. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Hedgerley, at 2 pm on 22nd February. Flowers to E. Sargeant & Son, 40 Church Street, Slough SL1 1PJ.

DEATHS

CARMICHAEL - On 15th February, peacefully at his home, Malcolm James Carmichael, aged 44. Beloved husband of Angela, loving father of Louise, Isobel and Sophie, darling son of Elizabeth. Funeral at Binsted Church, Hants, on Tuesday 22nd February at 3pm to which friends are respectfully invited. Flowers, or donations if preferred to the Rhinology Research Fund (for hayfever), c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93, High Street, Alton, Hants, GU34 1LG.

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FITCH - On February 15th, tragically at home, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch (Dick). Beloved husband of Kathleen and devoted and much loved father of Richard. Private family funeral.

DEATHS

FOREMAN - At St Agnes, Cornwall, on 7th February, after a long illness, Catherine Haran, formerly of Glasgow and of the Ministry of Aircraft Production London and a District Officer in Tanganyika.

GOSLING - On 15th February 1994, after a short illness, Lt-Col. William Douglas Gosling MBE, TD, DL, in his 90th year. Husband of the late Rosemary; dearly loved by his daughters Petronella, Lucy and Frances and their families. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Farnham, on Thursday 24th February at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

HAMILTON AND BRANDON - Sarah, Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon (Sally), peacefully on February 17th 1994, beloved mother of Ely, Annie, Alex and Johnny. Service at Canongate Kirk, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, on Monday 21st February at 12.30 pm. Burial thereafter private. Family flowers only, donations to St Columba's Hospice, Boswall Road, Edinburgh.

HEARSON - On February 16th, peacefully at home, Major Kenneth Aubrey, late R.C.T., of Halfway House, Shropshire. Dearly loved husband of Betty and father of Peter and Rosemary, grandfather of Amanda and Tim. Funeral February 24th at 2 pm at Cardington Church followed by cremation at Enstrey Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Community Nursing Services, Ponlesbury, Shropshire.

MILLICHAMP - Peacefully on February 15th 1994, Helen Mary aged 87 years, of Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos., formerly Headmistress of Lawnside School, Malvern. Funeral Service at St Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, Wednesday February 23rd at 1.30 pm followed by cremation at Cheltenham. No flowers by request but donations if desired to a charity of your choice.

DEATHS

PICKERING - Joan, suddenly at Battle Hospital on Tuesday 15th February 1994, aged 81, Widow of Professor "Pick" Pickering of Reading University. Cremation Service to take place on Friday 25th February at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 1 pm. All enquiries to David Greedy, The House of Grace, tel: (0344) 773741.

PILGRIM - Veronica May (née Shaw), On 16th February, in King George's Hospital, Goodmayes, Widow of Albert and mother of Pamela Barwell.

ROE - On February 15th, peacefully at home, John B.E.M. (Pipe Major ex Scots Guards), aged 73. Much loved husband to Rachel, father and grandfather. Funeral Thursday February 24th, service at 3 pm, Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, followed by committal at 10am February 26th at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Free Hospital. All enquiries to Kempsters (0892) 525151

RUSSELL - On February 13th at home, The Old Rectory, Kettlebaston, Joan Christina, peacefully in her sleep. The Funeral Service was at St Michael's, Chenies, on Wednesday February 16th, where she is interred with her beloved Leo

TANDY - On February 17th 1994, after a short illness, Margot. Funeral Service on Wednesday February 23rd, 12.30 pm at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Flowers or enquiries to G. Boutell & Son, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7QL, telephone: (0932) 346057.

THOMPSON - On 12th February 1994, Harold aged 86 years, formerly of The Royal Insurance Company. Funeral Service at St Aidelm's Church, Hatch End, on Thursday 24th February at 2 pm followed by interment at Pinner New Cemetery at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations to the Northwick Park Hospital

DEATHS

TOOBY - Harold, peacefully in his sleep. Deeply missed by his loving wife Rita and his friends. Funeral at Reading Crematorium, Henley Road, on Monday 21st February at 3.15 pm. Donations please to The Nelson Mandela Fund.

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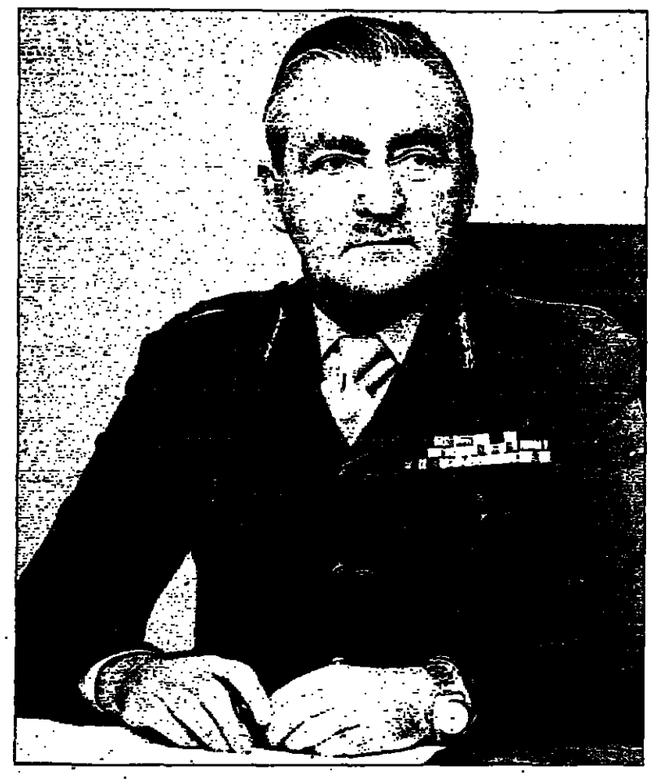
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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK OVENS

Major-General Patrick John Ovens, OBE, MC, a former commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment at Old Sarum, died on January 29 aged 71. He was born on November 4, 1922.



PAT OVENS won his MC in November 1950 when he led a party of seven Marines to safety after they had been surrounded by the Chinese army during the Korean war.

It happened when Britain's 41 (Independent) Commando was striking north with United States Marines in pursuit of the retreating North Korean army. They left the fortified village of Koto-Ri, heading towards Hagaru-Ri at the southern tip of the Chosin reservoir when the balance of advantage was suddenly reversed.

Troops of the Chinese People's Liberation Army which had just entered the war, swept down on the Allied force, known as Force Drysdale (after the Commandos' commanding officer Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Drysdale), cutting it in two. The rear was trapped in a valley without armour and had little choice but to negotiate terms of surrender.

Reluctant, however, to be taken prisoner, Ovens who had just turned 28, quickly gathered together a group of like-minded colleagues and slipped away under cover of darkness in the early hours of November 30. Despite the heavy odds against their making it, they successfully navigated their way across the snow-covered hills to rejoin their own lines at Koto-Ri, four miles to the south.

Ovens, with the rank of captain, went on to consolidate his reputation as an innovative and resourceful assault engineer. He was one of those, operating from bases in Japan, who constantly raided the Korean east coast railway which was a crucial supply link for the Communists. Embarking on the US submarine *Perth*, converted into a troop-carrying boat, they landed on the Korean peninsula by rubber dinghy before planting their bombs and mines at strategic points.

Ovens quickly demonstrated the imagination and unflappability which were to characterise his whole career. None understood better than he did where best to attack a Korean freight-carrying train — for instance, deep inside a tunnel where no crane could be manoeuvred to remove it. He also showed his ingenuity in making life difficult and dangerous for Chinese mine-clearance squads with his anti-personnel devices.

Some 16 years later his resourcefulness was recognised again in an entirely different set of circumstances. As the commanding officer he was appointed OBE after 41 Commando played a leading role in clearing Cornwall's beaches following the *Torrey Canyon* disaster — when the tanker went aground west of Land's End, releasing 30,000 tons of oil in a 35-mile slick to create the country's worst-ever oil spillage.

Ovens was an auctioneer's son from Cirencester and was educated at King's School, Bruton — where many years later he was invited to become a governor. Commissioned into the Royal Marines at Chatham in 1941 he served briefly in HMS *Illustrious* in the Mediterranean, before spending the latter part of the war as an instructor at the NCO Training School, Deal.

He filled a number of training and staff appointments after the war and indulged his love of sailing whenever possible. In the summer of 1950, shortly before he was sent to Korea, he sailed in the Royal Naval Sailing Association yacht *Samuel Pepys* in the race from Newport, Rhode Island, to Bermuda — then in a similar event across the Atlantic.

After attending the RAF Staff College at Andover in the mid-1950s, he was promoted major and in 1961 was with an amphibious warfare squadron in the Gulf at the time of the first Kuwait crisis. On his next posting, as second-in-command of 41 Commando, he found himself in Tanzania, helping to provide support for President Nyerere.

Ovens took over command of 41 Commando (with whom he spent so much of his career) in 1965. At one point the unit was deployed at sea in HMS *Albion* off Nigeria in case the Government needed to evacuate British nationals at the time of the Nigerian civil war.

As a brigadier he was the Royal Marines' last commander in Singapore, bringing back the 3rd Commando Brigade at the end of 1971 at the time of Britain's final withdrawal of forces from the island.

But, arguably, his most testing job was yet to come. His first tour as a major-general was as chief of staff to the Marine Corps' commandant-general during the Labour Government's 1974 defence review. By that time a highly experienced staff officer, politically astute without being ensnared by Whitehall politics, Ovens was thought by many to be an ideal supporting player as the Royal Marines fought with considerable success against threatened cuts.

His final posting was as commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment, the combined operations study centre in Wiltshire. He retired from there in 1979.

Ovens then settled in Salisbury, where he became bursar of Salisbury Cathedral School until retiring for the second time several years ago. Meanwhile he devoted himself to his many hobbies including gardening and making music. Having learnt the clarinet at school, he now taught himself the bassoon, which he played with Salisbury Orchestral Society and with chamber groups. A naturally skilled craftsman, he made a bassoon and contra-bassoon in his own workshop.

Pat Ovens was one of the most popular men in the Marines, without an enemy, it was said, in any mess. His health had deteriorated in recent years. He is survived by his wife Mary, whom he married in 1952, and by two daughters and a son.

JAMES RUSBRIDGER

James Rusbridger, author and former MI6 bagman, was found dead at his home near Bodmin, Cornwall, on February 16 aged 65. He was born in Jamaica in 1928.



A FORMER courier for MI6 and self-styled expert on espionage, James Rusbridger was better known in his later years as one of the nation's most prolific letter-writers — not just to newspapers but to individual journalists. His signature cropped up, on average, sixty times a year in the letter columns of the broadsheet press. He wrote mainly about intelligence but also held strong opinions on royalty, the Second World War and conspiracy theories. He was, aptly enough, a cousin of Peter Wright (of *Spycatcher* fame) and, like Wright, he revelled in discussing subjects that were usually thought taboo. Indeed, considering his volubility, it seems extraordinary that Rusbridger's career as a courier lasted so long.

James Rusbridger was born in Jamaica, the youngest of three children of a colonel in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. The family returned to Aldershot three years later and James, showing signs of a good voice, was packed off to a choir school and later to Dover College. After National Service, he did a management training course in draughtsmanship and briefly joined the Naval Design Office at Vickers Armstrong, where he tested a variety of postwar naval weapons systems (he always loved gadgets).

In 1952 he spotted an advertisement in *The Daily Telegraph* and was taken on to redesign a sugar refinery. Four years later he was sent off to sell the company's products abroad. He hit the jackpot first time round when, on the day he landed in South Africa, Nasser blocked the Suez Canal. By the time he had reached the Far East, Rusbridger found that his business was booming.

Duly impressed, the company sent him off to a course on buying sugar and in 1958 he opened a London office for a Cuban sugar company. After Cuba became Communist in 1959, Rusbridger was invited to Czechoslovakia to meet East European sugar representatives who wanted to offload unwanted Cuban sugar in return for foreign currency. Rusbridger, by now the managing director of an international commodity trading company in the City, used his contacts quietly to float the sugar onto the international market under a variety of different labels.

While he was in New York he was approached by the CIA with a proposition — to help deflate Cuban sugar prices in a bid to destabilise Castro. Rusbridger thought the idea a bad one and named an outlandish sum — $500,000 — for his fee in the belief that this would deter the CIA. But the money duly found its way into his bank account and Rusbridger, returning to London, orchestrated a selling spree among his broking friends which put a severe dent in the international sugar market.

His connection with MI6 began in 1962 when he was approached by the Foreign Office to act as a bagman. During the 1960s he became a regular fixture at the Army and Navy (the "In and Out") Club in Piccadilly, where case officers would arrange for him to smuggle $5,000 or even $10,000 parcels into Eastern Europe. Under the guise of business trips, he would then drive ostentatiously through Prague and Warsaw in an E-type Jaguar, and exchange the money for documents on his return journey.

In 1974 Rusbridger retired from the commodities business, well-rewarded for his labours, to St Austell and later to a cottage near Bodmin. He found adapting himself to his reduced circumstances difficult. For a while he worked as a stock control manager for Roach Foods, but was placed on probation for two years after irregularities were found in the stock.

But his main occupation for the last 20 years was as an outspoken critic of the security services. Apart from over 2,000 letters, he wrote three books. *The Intelligence Game* (1989) put the case for greater openness in Britain's intelligence operations (reviewers found it riddled with inaccuracies). *Who Sank Surcouf* (1991) uncovered the bungled sinking of a French submarine by the Americans during the war. *Betrayal at Pearl Harbor* (1991) written with Captain Eric Nave, claimed that London had advance warning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which Churchill refused to act upon. Rusbridger also helped with various television documentaries on these subjects.

He never married.

GROUP CAPTAIN DUDLEY SAWARD

Group Captain Dudley Saward, OBE, chief radar officer to the C-in-C Bomber Command in the last war, died on February 12 aged 80. He was born on June 6, 1913.



DUDLEY SAWARD was not only one of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris's most valued aides at Bomber Command in the Second World War but went on to write the authorised biography of his controversial chief.

Bomber Harris took Saward a number of year to complete and emerged only after countless taped interviews with its subject. Harris, whose postwar reputation had suffered at the hands of critics following the saturation bombing of Nazi Germany, gave Saward access to all his papers including his immense file of correspondence with Winston Churchill.

Lord Avon, who as Anthony Eden was Britain's Foreign Secretary during the war, and the German Armaments Minister, Albert Speer, were among others still surviving to whom the tireless Saward talked as he travelled far and wide in his research. Then he wrote up the manuscript in painstaking longhand, before laboriously typing it with two fingers.

But Saward was to have his reward. The book which stoutly defended Arthur Harris, although only after conceding some errors of judgment, became a bestseller on being published in 1984. Harris, who had insisted that it should not appear during his lifetime, had died in April that year. The book then went on to reach a wider audience in paperback.

Although it was the best-known and most successful, *Bomber Harris* was one of only five books by Dudley Saward. He also wrote *The Bomber's Eye*, the story of radar during the war; *Victory Denied*, a history of air power from 1920 until the defeat of Nazi Germany; a biography of his astronomer friend and wartime colleague, Sir Bernard Lovell; and even a light novel, *What of Tomorrow?*. Yet writing was only the third phase of Saward's career and his first love always remained the Royal Air Force.

The son of an advertising agent, he was born at Mill Hill in north London and was educated at Bishop's Stortford College. From there he passed into the RAF College, Cranwell, where he represented the college at rugby and cricket before being commissioned into the RAF in 1934.

In the following year, as a young officer stationed in India, he was badly hurt in the severe earthquake at Quetta on the North-West Frontier. He had to be dug out from his ruined quarters. Despite a broken wrist and serious back injuries, however, Saward refused hospital treatment after being pulled out and insisted on joining the rescue teams. He was later given a Viceroy's award for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Back in this country, Saward completed a signals course in 1939 before serving in France with No 2 Army Co-operation Squadron in 1939-40. Following the fall of France he was promoted squadron leader and transferred to a specialist Bomber Command unit charged with the destruction of the German beam bombing system.

In 1941 he was posted to an Air Ministry telecommunications research establishment to work on radar aids for bombers. Later that year, however, he was moved to Bomber Command headquarters as chief radar officer to the Commander-in-Chief. Promoted to group captain in 1943 he remained in the radar job until the war ended, being appointed a military OBE and being twice mentioned in dispatches for his work.

On leaving the RAF after the war Saward launched out on a second career as a captain of industry. He joined the boards of a number of companies including International Air Radio, the Rank Organisation and the British Space Development Corporation. He was a member of the Postmaster General's Television Advisory Committee and worked for a time in Liechtenstein as chief executive of the specialist publishers Kraus-Thomsom, but the company with which his name became most closely linked was Texas Instruments, after he became their managing director in this country with the responsibility of setting up the firm's first factory in Bedford.

Interviewed when he took over at Texas Instruments, Saward was critical of the gulf which then existed between Britain's senior management and the shop floor, adversely comparing industry with the RAF. "There you have to be close to the chap who maintains your aircraft," he explained.

Saward, a tall, meticulous man, gradually retired from his industrial responsibilities in the 1970s, however, to concentrate on writing — chiefly to work on his biography of Bomber Harris. His injuries suffered in the earthquake, now nearly 60 years ago, also gave him increasing trouble in recent times.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, whom he married in 1951, and by two daughters.

THE EARL OF NORTHESK

The 13th Earl of Northesk, landowner and farmer, died on January 26 aged 67. He was born on June 24, 1926.

THE Earl of Northesk was a leading breeder of Charolais cattle who at one time exported his pedigree beasts throughout the world. He sold stock from his Isle of Man herd not only to farms in Australia and New Zealand but to ranches in Mexico and even Texas. He originally set out, however, to join the Royal Navy and might equally have become a racing driver.

He raced at Le Mans and was once first in his class in the famous Italian 1,000-mile road race, the Mille Miglia. He was friendly with the British racing drivers of his day who were always welcome at the Northesks' Hampshire home — where they sometimes cooled off in his private swimming-pool.

He took part in the annual Lords versus Commons motor race and derived great pleasure from coming in third last year, two places ahead of the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. Younger bloods still found it hard to overtake him.

Robert ("Robin") Andrew Carnegie, 13th Earl of Northesk, was brought up in southern England near Petersfield and — following something of a family tradition (an ancestor had fought with Nelson at Trafalgar) — was educated at Pangbourne Nautical College.

When the Second World War broke out, the teenage Robin Carnegie was evacuated to America with his sister. There, continuing his seagoing training, he went to the Tabor Naval Academy, Massachusetts. But at the age of 16 he returned to Britain and served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, sailing on at least one of the Russian convoys.

On demobilisation he farmed the family estate near Petersfield, extending his interests to the Isle of Man in the 1960s. It was there that he built up his herd of healthy Charolais, free from brucellosis which was then rampant on mainland Britain. Crippling tax demands, which followed the death of his father the 12th earl in 1975, forced the new Lord Northesk to follow his livestock to the island, while making his English estate over to his son. Thereafter he became an involved Manxman.

Lord Northesk, who was at one time on the council of both the British Charolais Society and the International Federation of Charolais Breeders, disposed of his own herd in the mid-1980s. After briefly experimenting with the breeding of llamas, he leased out most of his land to Manx sheep farmers.



In parallel with his farming and land management, he became involved in a number of finance companies. He was chairman of Chandler Hargraves (IOM), 1980-92, and subsequently of Lowndes Lambert, while his directorships covered several assurance firms and the Isle of Man Bank. He was also president of the Save the Children Fund on the island and the Friends of the Physically Disabled as well as being a trustee of the Pain Relief Foundation. Before moving to the Isle of Man he was a member, and at one time chairman, of the Midhurst Rural Council.

Some newspapers exemplified Lord Northesk last year as one of those House of Lords "backwoodsmen" who emerged from their distant shires to vote on the Maastricht Bill. But, in fact, he was quite an active peer at Westminster. Although he hugely admired Margaret Thatcher, he looked upon himself as a "pale blue Tory" and sat on the cross-benches, from where he stoutly defended the Upper House's role as a brake upon the power of any government.

He was an accomplished shot, chiefly of grouse, but he also passionately believed in conservation and saw himself instinctively as a countryman. He was once a trustee of the Game Research Association. He indulged his love of gardening to the extent of designing a glen complete with lake, near his Isle of Man home. Then he published his own *Diary of an Island Glen* which told the day-by-day tale of his creation.

At the same time he maintained his early sporting interests. He helped to inaugurate a classic race on the island. The Manx Motor Racing Club and the British Racing Drivers' club were among the organisations he belonged to.

Lord Northesk's first wife, Jean, died five years ago and he is survived by his second wife Brownie, previously the widow of Carl Heimann, chairman of Mecca, and by a son and two daughters of his first marriage. His first-born son died in a tragic accident at the age of two when he fell into a flooded river near their Petersfield home and was drowned. The title passes to his surviving son, Lord Rosehill, who becomes the 14th Earl of Northesk.

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WHAT TO TAKE TO ZULULAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I would, if you will allow me space in *The Times*, give a little information to officers proceeding to Zululand, many of whom cannot be expected to know the kind of life they are about to enter on.

I do not touch on their martial requirements. Every officer will take out at least one saddle. I recommend two, no matter if not new, so long as the padding is sound; and the nails which press upon the sides of the horse should be taken out and the saddle stitched instead . . .

The rough Cape pony grooms himself to perfection. The saddle is taken off, he carefully selects a dusty, soft place, kneels down, rolls over on his back with all fours kicking in the air, gets up, shakes himself, and is groomed—this, perhaps, in the middle of the day's journey; a bundle of forage is thrown to him and he is happy.

Do not forget useful, strong shooting-boots; the best grease for them is a mixture of tallow, or fat with beeswax and resin. It preserves the leather, and boots polish better afterwards: it is a good mixture for a gun, and keeps it from rust. Every sportsman should take a muzzle-loader (also a breech-loader, if he likes): but you are so far away from the coast and the means of transport to an outpost is uncertain, that there is not the same dependence on cartridges as there is on plain powder and shot, caps, and wads. Do not neglect a long, clasp knife, or a knife to go in a sheath which is strapped to the side: the blade 7in. or 9in. long and an inch wide: good steel and sharp. This is the *vade mecum* of the Cape sportsman—a Bowie knife—in fact: for having shot your large game you want the knife to cut off its head.

Clothes.—Two suits of corduroy or moleskin are absolutely necessary, for once past Natal adieu to collars, white shirts, &c. The suits should be of not too heavy material, and pockets should be plenty and strong. A hammer and axe combined in one, and some *plain nails, string—needle and thread are* things so often forgotten and always wanted that I may be pardoned for mentioning such trifles . . .

In conclusion, the less flimsy things the better. Troops in the Caffre war came out of the bush with their clothes torn to shreds. Any old linen that can be converted into tinder will be useful; for, strange to say, those in the front may have to go back to flint and steel when matches are not to be got. The tinder-box for lighting the pipe can be purchased in the Cape. Do not forget the tobacco, but avoid "Cape smoke." No officer will go far wrong if he takes six shirts of very stout material. Two portmanteaux, strong ones packed so as to be of equal weight, both being the same size and not large, will be the more easily carried across the *équi* horse, and valise and bed go on the top between them. I fear I have trespassed at some length.

Your obedient servant,
EDWIN LITCHFIELD,
Assistant-Commissary General

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Apart from "martial requirements", it was suggested that officers bound for the Zulu war might care to take two saddles, a muzzle-loader and ammunition, not to mention a Bowie knife to deal with any large game shot, and two suits of corduroy and tobacco, though avoiding "Cape smoke".

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NEWS

Russia talks Serbs into pulling back

■ The likelihood of Nato air strikes against Bosnian Serbs seemed to recede last night, after Russia persuaded them to withdraw all their heavy guns from the hills around Sarajevo within 36 hours.

Soon after the announcement, the Serbs began a large-scale withdrawal of heavy guns from around the Bosnian capital, in compliance with the Nato ultimatum ..... **Pages 1, 16, 17**

Labour rages over £1,000 family tax bill

■ Taxes for the average family will rise by £22 a week or over £1,000 a year from April 1995, according to Treasury figures disclosed to Labour. Opposition leaders seized on the figures to renew their accusations that the Government has broken its pledges. Labour said that the Tory election posters depicting a £1,000 Labour tax bombshell — had proved a fraud ..... **Page 1**

Pollution warnings

Hourly pollution statistics, giving a more accurate indication of the dangers which millions face from the quality of Britain's air, are to be made available ..... **Pages 1, 8**

Victory on ice

The first skirmish in the war of the skaters was clearly won by *Tonya Harding when she performed* more confidently than her rival Nancy Kerrigan at a practice session ..... **Page 1**

Rate cut hope

The Bundesbank cut its discount rate by half a percentage point but left its key money-market interest rate unchanged, signalling room for further falls ..... **Page 1**

Thatcher's gift

One of Baroness Thatcher's lesser known gifts to the nation was a remarkable collection of jewellery given to her during her 11-year premiership including the diamond necklace worn recently by Norma Major ..... **Page 2**

Duke's affair

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon issued a public apology to his wife and family for a four-year affair with an American travel agent ..... **Page 3**

Name found dead

One of the most distinguished Lloyd's names, Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, has been found dead at his home after apparently committing suicide ..... **Page 3**

Curiosity sale

A fragment from a genuine Egyptian stone bust rubbed shoulders with a giant fake bird's egg as Lord McAlpine's "Cabinet of Curiosities" made more than £307,000 at Sotheby's ..... **Page 5**

New battleground

Protesters who battled for ten hours to stop the demolition of six Edwardian houses in the path of a motorway have staked out a new battleground further along the route ..... **Page 7**

Island hopping

In what may be one of the last imperial progresses of its kind, the Queen leaves today for a three-week, eight-country tour of the Caribbean ..... **Page 11**

Buthelezi snub

Chief Buthelezi dashed hopes of a peaceful end to South Africa's constitutional crisis by castigating Nelson Mandela's deal as "cheap politicking" ..... **Page 13**

Whitewater surge

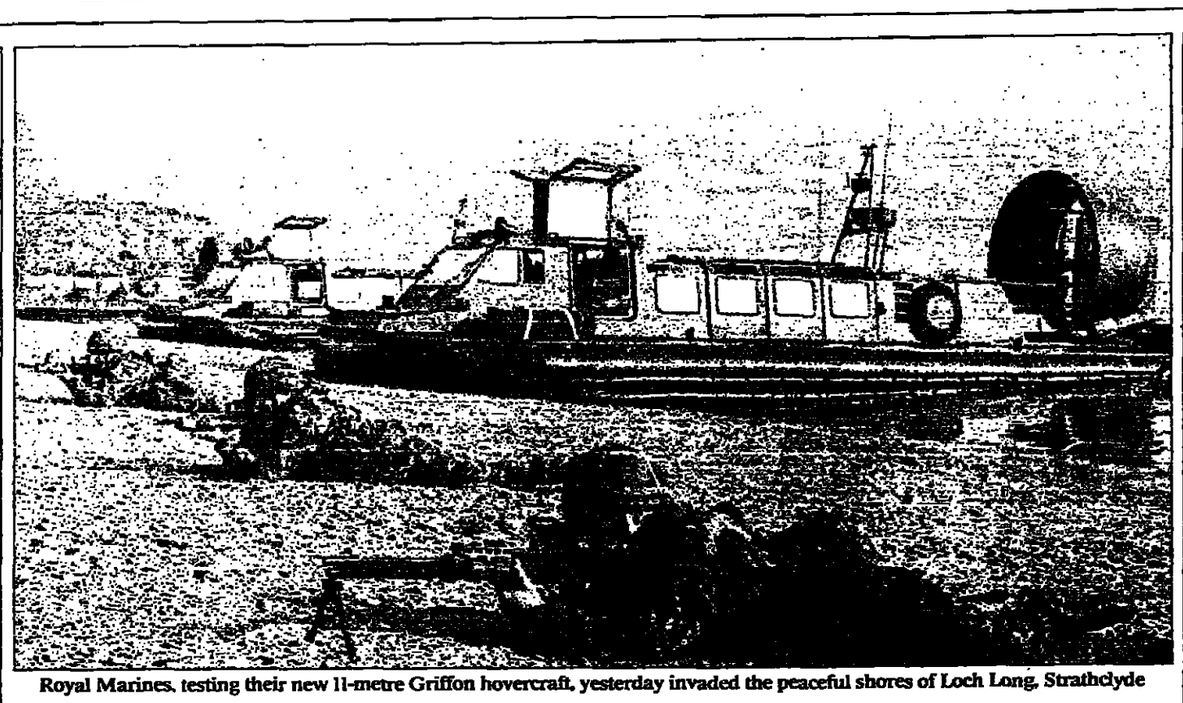
The investigation into the Whitewater affair, involving the land deals of President and Mrs Hillary Clinton, is turning out to be on a far broader scale ..... **Page 14**

Eastleigh row

Labour was embroiled in a heated political row over its decision to start campaigning for the Eastleigh by-election before Stephen Milligan's funeral had been announced ..... **Page 12**

£700 a day for his honour the lodger

■ The taxpayer is spending more than £5 million a year to keep High Court judges in lodgings when they tour the provinces. The cost works out at roughly £700 a day, per judge — three times the cost of a night at Claridges. In Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds and Liverpool the Government owns the lodgings but in other cities they are rented ..... **Page 1**



Royal Marines, testing their new 11-metre Griffon hovercraft, yesterday invaded the peaceful shores of Loch Long, Strathclyde

BUSINESS

Westland: The retiring chairman of the helicopter group, Sir Leslie Fletcher, told the annual meeting that the bid from GKN lacked strategic logic ..... **Page 25**

Closer ties: Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, called on motor vehicle manufacturers and their component suppliers to work together more closely after a Government report savaged the industry ..... **Page 26**

Markets: The FT-SE rose 7.6 to close at 3425.3. Sterling's index was unchanged at 80.6 after a fall from $1.4785 to $1.4752 but a rise from DM2.5478 to 2.5558 ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Winter Olympics: Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, seeking their second Olympic gold medal, unveiled a new free dance programme that could have been cocking a snook ..... **Page 48**

Rugby union England will go into their five nations' championship match against Ireland at Twickenham tomorrow with their most inexperienced back row for 26 years after the withdrawal of Ben Clarke through injury ..... **Page 48**

Football: Birmingham City met to decide whether to appeal against a £55,000 Football League fine for poaching Barry Fry ..... **Page 48**

FEATURES

Top table: An appetite for diplomacy — the great Clinton food binge ..... **Page 18**

Fool's gold: A gold medal price ripoff in Lillehammer ..... **Page 18**

Chinese gulag: Harry Wu's mission is to expose the horrors of the forced labour camps ..... **Page 19**

MOTORING

Tax help: How company car tax changes will benefit the private driver ..... **Page 38**

INFOTECH

Jobs and news ... from information technology ..... **Pages 33, 34**

ARTS

Thrill of discovery: Brecht's 1938 play, *The Life of Galileo*, has an immediacy unmatched anywhere in his oeuvre. And in Jonathan Kent's new production at the Almeida, *ideas fizz* ..... **Page 35**

Painting by numbers: Like all the best music, Crowded House songs are colour pictures, says Caitlin Moran in praise of the band that took the Brit awards' Best International Band trophy ..... **Page 36**

Pop on Friday: If you want to get a hit, you have got to get up a full *head of vocal steam. And they don't* come much steamier than Celine Dion ..... **Page 37**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Julia Freestone the shoplifter featured in *Shops and Robbers*, the Channel 4 programme that climbed to the top of the TV ratings **Page 9**



Jack Russell, the England wicket-keeper, returns to Test duty for the first time in 18 months against the West Indies in Jamaica tomorrow **Page 43**



Elizabeth Taylor will have a hip replacement operation in Los Angeles next month. She has suffered from arthritis for many years **Page 15**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Bernstein, CD Direct choice

■ To some he was nothing more than an all-American show-off; to others he was a mesmerising genius. Meet Leonard Bernstein, this month's CD Direct choice

Cook of the Year

■ The Times cook Frances Bissell invites amateur chefs to enter the Cook of the Year competition. In the Weekend section

How time goes by

■ How the cheap and cheerful Swatch transformed *the modern watch. In Weekend*

TV & RADIO

The miserable face of comedy from a young man who specialises in the lugubrious. *The Jack Dee Show* (Ch4, 10.30pm) ..... **Page 47**

OPINION

The general expects

Mr Major's refusal to respond to a call for more troops just when their presence is most critical is yet another *demonstration of half-heartedness* over the decision. It is a fudge that satisfies no one, least of all General Rose ..... **Page 21**

Poison for toddlers

Air pollution information should be as easy to come by as weather forecasts. The onus is on government, national and local, to make that knowledge available .. **Page 21**

Shifting slogans

Back to basics is four months past its shout-by date. Its meaning has been distorted and misinterpreted ..... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

GEORGE BROCK

Britain's passive and secondary role in delivering the Nato ultimatum reveals a wider paralysis afflicting the country's whole foreign policy ..... **Page 20**

BERNARD LEVIN

Dreyfus again! Will that tap never stop dripping? ..... **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Major-General Patrick John Ovens, commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment at *Old Sarum*; James Rusbridger, author and MI6 bagman; Group Captain Dudley Saward, chief radar officer to the C-in-C Bomber Command; the Earl of Northesk, landowner ..... **Page 23**

LETTERS

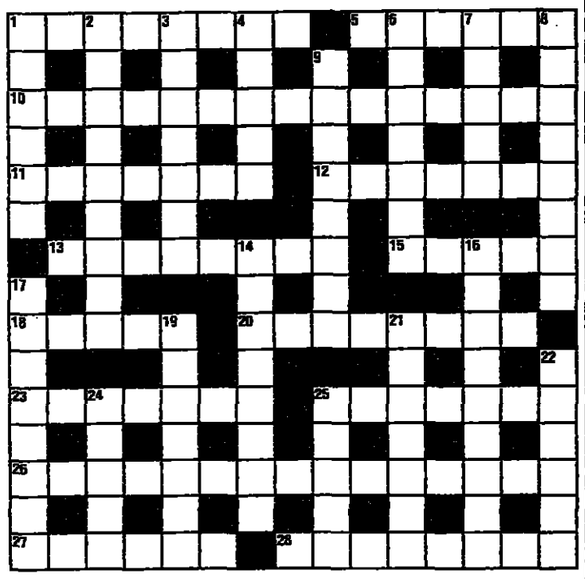
How to get best use from the Civil Service ..... **Page 21**

THE PAPERS

Whether intentionally or not, Japan has created the impression here that it is testing the Clinton Administration. This quarrel has little to do with economic policy in the broad sense — it's about American ideas of commercial fairness
— The Washington Post

Diplomacy will cost a lot less than confrontation [with North Korea], and it just might get what the world wants — a nuclear-free Korea
— The New York Times

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ACROSS

1 Red River said to start in Dakota (8).
5 Insect infesting large cat is shed (4-2).
10 Rewrite Chequers article – you can't do it (6,3,6).
11 Muddling up Latin for wedding (7).
12 Fish-spear I had put in the river ... (7).
13 ... a way to encourage fish (8).
15 Sought for gold in recession, and found the stuff ... (5).
18 ... a measure of gold is an incentive, we hear (5).
20 Shut up in Wensleydale, perhaps – just what you want (6,2).
23 No pro wants an end to the game before the game's over (7).
25 Student is less tired (7).
26 Not after pirate gold via criminal by any means (2,4,2,2,5).
27 Simply see about a note (6)
28 Acknowledges possession of some land around lake (8).

DOWN

1 Dislike being enthralled again? (6)
2 Flag conveying rude signal from bridge (4,5).
3 Ship – one harbouring a disease (7).
4 *Former land of one's birth (5).*
6 It's improved, provided one keeps two journalists apart (7).
7 Henry employed in pleasant and suitable job (5).
8 Remove it in exchange for extra pay (8).
9 A number of words pronounced by judge (8).
14 Delicacy's needed in standing up to Miss Darling (8).
16 I'm right beside you in getting rid of gangster from the community (9).
17 Bike race – namely, the tour (5).
19 Sort of tile for architectural ornamentation (7).
21 Clients want replacement for perforated plate (7).
22 Car, beginning to speed, slows down (6)
24 Remains of a ship rent by explosive (5).
25 Jack featured in uplifting fairy tale (5).

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The solution to The Times Knockando Crossword Eliminator Puzzle No 19,468 will appear on Thursday, February 24, 1994.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, and Penzance 12C (54F); lowest day max: Strath Allan, Tayside, -3C (27F). Highest rainfall: Anglesey, 0.29in. Highest sunshine: Kinloss, Aberdeen and Glasgow, 7.9hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Eastern England will start bright and will stay mostly dry. However, some rain and sleet over Wales and western England will edge slowly eastwards into central England during the day. There will be snow over the hills.

Over much of Scotland there will be rain or sleet at times with snow on the mountains but some eastern areas should stay dry. Rain over Northern Ireland will clear during the morning, then it will brighten up.

With freshening winds, it will feel cold everywhere but especially so in the east

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England:** Bright start. More cloudy later but mostly dry. Wind southeast, light to moderate. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ ***Central S England, East Midlands, Central N England:*** It will be cloudy with patchy drizzle or sleet at times. Wind southeast, light to moderate. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** Rain or sleet at times. Snow on the hills. Becoming drier later. Wind southeast becoming southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 5-7C (41-45F).

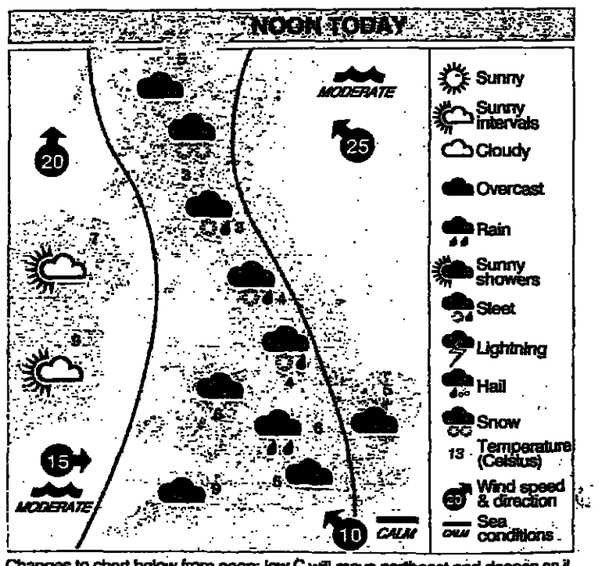
☐ **Borders, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Bright start. Cloudy later but mostly dry. Wind southeast, moderate. Cold. Max 2-4C (36-39F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** Rain or sleet at times. Snow over the hills. Wind mainly southeast, moderate to fresh. Chilly. Max 3-5C (37-41F).

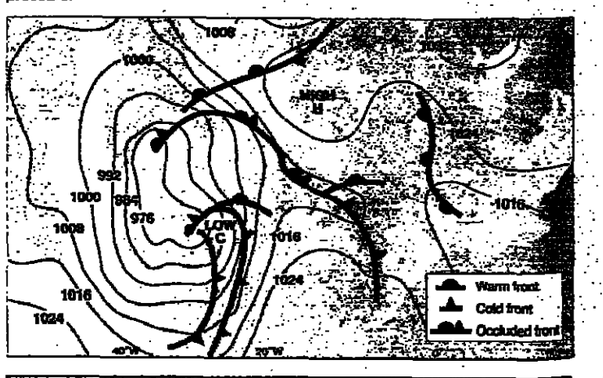
☐ **N Ireland:** Rain at first. Brighter later. Wind southwest, moderate. Less cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** Mostly dry in the east but with some sleet or snow in many other places for a time, especially on Saturday. Cold.

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low C will move northeast and deepen as it merges with low P. High U will remain stationary and maintain its central pressure.



AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.9	0.02	3	37	s	Liverpool	X				
Anglesey	-	0.29	3	37	sl	London	-	-	9	48	c
Aspatria	5.3	-	4	39	s	Lowestoft	0.6	-	7	45	c
Aviemore	7.7	-	3	37	s	Manchester	-	0.12	3	37	du
Belfast	4.8	-	3	37	s	Margate	X	0.01	8	46	c
Birmingham	1.0	-	5	41	sh	Minehead	X	-	7	45	sh
Bognor R	0.2	0.02	7	45	sh	Morecambe	-	0.07	2	36	s
Bournem'th	1.4	-	8	46	b	Newcastle	-	0.19	1	34	sl
Bristol	3.0	-	9	48	s	Newquay	X				
Buxton	-	0.06	2	36	f	Norwich	0.4	-	10	50	sh
Cardiff	2.5	-	5	41	s	Nottingham	-	-	4	39	sh
Clacton	0.5	-	6	43	c	Penzance	6.3	-	12	54	s
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	3.4	-	8	46	s
Colwyn Bay	-	0.13	3	37	c	Poole	1.3	0.04	8	46	s
Cromer	1.5	-	8	46	b	Ross-o-wye	0.1	-	4	39	sh
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.01	7	45	d	Sandown	-	0.09	7	45	sh
Edinburgh	3.2	-	4	39	s	Saunton Snd	3.2	-	12	54	s
Eskdalemuir	4.3	0.01	3	37	sn	Scarboro'	-	0.01	3	37	f
Exmouth	4.8	-	8	46	s	Scilly Isles	6.2	-	11	52	s
Falmouth	X	-	10	50	s	Shanklin	-	0.07	7	45	c
Folkestone	2.9	-	8	46	s	Skegness	-	X	6	43	c
Glasgow	7.9	0.02	2	36	s	Southend	X				
Guernsey	-	-	8	46	c	Southport	-	0.14	1	34	sn
Hastings	-	-	7	45	du	Southsea	0.5	0.02	7	45	c
Hayling I	X					Stornoway	5.6	-	5	41	c
Heysham	4.7	-	10	50	b	Sunderland	1.8	0.01	5	41	c
Hove	0.1	-	8	46	c	Teignmouth	5.4	-	8	46	s
Humberston	0.1	0.02	7	45	c	Tenby	-	0.14	7	45	r
Isle of Man	3.5	0.09	5	41	s	Tiree	5.7	0.12	5	41	s
Jersey	-	0.22	7	45	sh	Torquay	5.0	-	8	46	s
Kinloss	7.9	-	5	41	s	Tynemouth	-	0.17	1	34	sn
Leeds	-	0.02	1	34	sn	Ventnor	0.9	0.07	7	45	c
Lerwick	2.7	0.07	4	39	s	West-s-mare	2.0	-	9	48	c
Loughborough	4.2	-	1	34	s	Weymouth	0.5	-	8	46	d
Lowestoft	-	0.06	6	43	r						

Prices are Wednesday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	9	48	f	C'dnagn	1	34	f	Majorca	13	55	c
Alicante	14	57	s	Corfu	13	55	f	Malaga	16	61	s
Asarditna	11	52	c	Dublin	6	43	c	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	15	59	c	Dubrovnik	7	45	r	Malto'me	17	63	c
Amst dam	3	37	s	Faro	15	59	s	Miami	25	77	f
Athens	8	46	f	Florence	2	36	s	Milan	1	34	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	1	34	f	Montreal	-7	19	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	17	63	c	Moscow	4	39	c
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	4	39	s	Munich	2	36	s
Barcelona	13	54	f	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Naples	9	48	f
Beirut	13	55	f	Helsinki	-5	23	s	N Delhi	22	72	s
Belgrade	1	34	f	Hong K	16	61	f	N York	3	37	s
Berlin	-1	30	s	Innsbruk	6	43	c	Nice	5	41	f
Bermuda	23	68	s	Istanbul	6	43	c	Oslo	-5	23	f
Biarritz	12	54	s	Jeddah	27	81	s	Paris	2	36	c
Biarritz	9	48	c	Jo'burg	17	63	f	Peking	4	39	s
Brussels	1	34	s	L Palmas	18	64	c	Perth	31	88	s
Budapst	4	39	c	Le Tquet	4	39	f	Prague	-2	19	sn
B Aires	28	72	f	Lisbon	13	55	s	Reykjavik	5	41	c
Cairo	19	66	s	Locarno	0	32	f	Rhodes	15	59	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	L Angels	16	61	c	Rio de J	33	10	f
Chicago	4	39	s	Luxembg	0	32	s	Riyadh	26	77	s
Christchrch	19	66	f	Luxor	33	73	s	Rome	10	50	f
Cologne	2	36	r	Madrid	9	48	s	Salzburg	4	39	f
S F'risco	13	55	c								
Santiago	33	73	f								
Seoul	9	48	s								
Sing'por	31	88	f								
St'kholm	-5	23	c								
Strasb'rg	0	32	s								
Sydney	24	75	f								
Tangier	16	61	f								
Tel Aviv	17	63	c								
Tenerife	19	66	f								
Tokyo	10	50	s								
Toronto	4	39	s								
Tunis	16	59	c								
Valencia	13	55	f								
Vanc'ver	8	46	r								
Venice	1	34	f								
Vienna	-5	23	s								
Warsaw	-2	28	s								
Wash'ton	8	46	s								
Wel'ngton	22	81	s								
Zurich	2	36	s								

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.11	6.25	6.36	6.12	Liverpool	3.19	7.75	3.46	7.61
Aberdeen	5.56	3.51	6.16	3.51	Lowestoft	1.46	2.26	2.27	2.11
Avonmouth	11.14	10.34	11.27	10.14	Margate	4.15	4.17	4.45	4.03
Belfast	3.37	3.09	3.58	3.03	Milford Haven	10.35	5.54	10.55	5.32
Cardiff	10.59	9.68	11.12	9.50	Newquay	9.32	5.60	9.52	5.40
Devonport	9.54	4.50	10.20	4.40	Oban	9.53	3.10	10.06	3.10
Dover	3.05	5.78	5.31	5.42	Penzance	9.06	4.50	9.33	4.40
Falmouth	9.24	4.30	9.50	4.20	Portland	10.24	1.40	10.48	1.40
Glasgow	5.18	4.50	5.36	4.40	Portsmouth	3.32	4.20	3.52	3.90
Harwich	3.54	3.50	4.19	3.53	Shoreham	3.18	5.19	3.36	4.90
Holyhead	2.37	4.57	3.02	4.52	Southampton	3.14	3.80	3.38	3.74
Hull	10.38	6.10	11.02	6.09	Swansea	10.42	7.59	11.07	7.38
Ilfracombe	10.14	7.27	10.34	7.03	Tees	8.28	4.33	8.42	4.33
King's Lynn	10.40	5.10	10.59	5.10	Wilton-on-Nze	3.51	3.71	4.17	3.53
Leith	7.19	4.53	7.41	4.50					

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Sun rises: 7.08 am
Sun sets: 5.21pm
Moon sets 1.06 am
Moon rises 9.59 am

London 5.21 pm to 7.09 am
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German rate cut leaves markets cold

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ German rates are likely to go lower but the cuts are expected to be disappointingly slow and cautious. European markets were disappointed by the Bundesbank move

THE Bundesbank yesterday cut its discount rate by ½ point but left its key money-market interest rate unchanged, signalling room for further falls but in slow and cautious steps.

The discount rate, which marks the floor for German interest rates, was cut by a half point to 5.25 per cent, the first cut in German rates since October 22. The Lombard rate, which acts as a ceiling on rates, was left unchanged at 6.75 per cent and the repurchase rate at 6 per cent.

German stocks and bonds powered ahead initially but then faded amid disappointment that the key repurchase rate had not been cut. The fall in the discount rate gives more technical room to cut the repo rate but it is felt the Bundesbank's extreme caution on monetary policy remains in place.

In Frankfurt, the DAX share index lost gains of nearly 50 points to close 7.89 down at 2,128.72 and German bonds also gave up large initial gains. British financial markets were left relatively unmoved by the Bundesbank action. The FT-SE 100 closed up 7.6 at 3,425.3.

The Bundesbank's move was followed by rate cuts in Belgium, The Netherlands and Austria and heightened speculation that the Bank of France would follow. Günter Rexrodt, German economics minister, said the Bundesbank move would make it easier for other members of the European Monetary System to cut rates and so provide a fillip to European economies.

Some economists had expected the Bundesbank to wait until March upon firm evidence of a slowdown in M3 money supply growth. But by cutting rates now, Germany would avoid criticism from its international partners at the Group of Seven meeting on February 26.

The Bundesbank said yesterday it was prepared to tolerate temporary distortions in M3, which surged in December but which it expected to slow down. It pointed to a continuing decline in inflation and the concomitant greater confidence in the mark.

The bank is also clearly still concerned about the progress of the economy, saying earlier this week that recessionary tendencies had not yet been fully overcome. Its monthly report stated that the economy was continuing to suffer from weakness in private demand and investment and unemployment was expected to continue rising.

There was a clutch of statistics from America yesterday, including news that consumer prices had shown no change in January, the best performance in more than four years. There was also news that the trade deficit surged by 37 per cent in 1993 to $115.78 billion, the highest for five years. The deficit with Japan rose to record levels, underlining the continuing trade tensions between the two countries. Japan accounted for just over half the total deficit.

However, in December alone, the trade deficit fell to $7.4 billion from a revised $9.68 billion in November, much better than Wall Street forecasts.

Sterling's trade-weighted index closed unchanged at 80.6 and gilts failed to make headway, despite the apparantly positive news on rates in Germany and inflation in the US.

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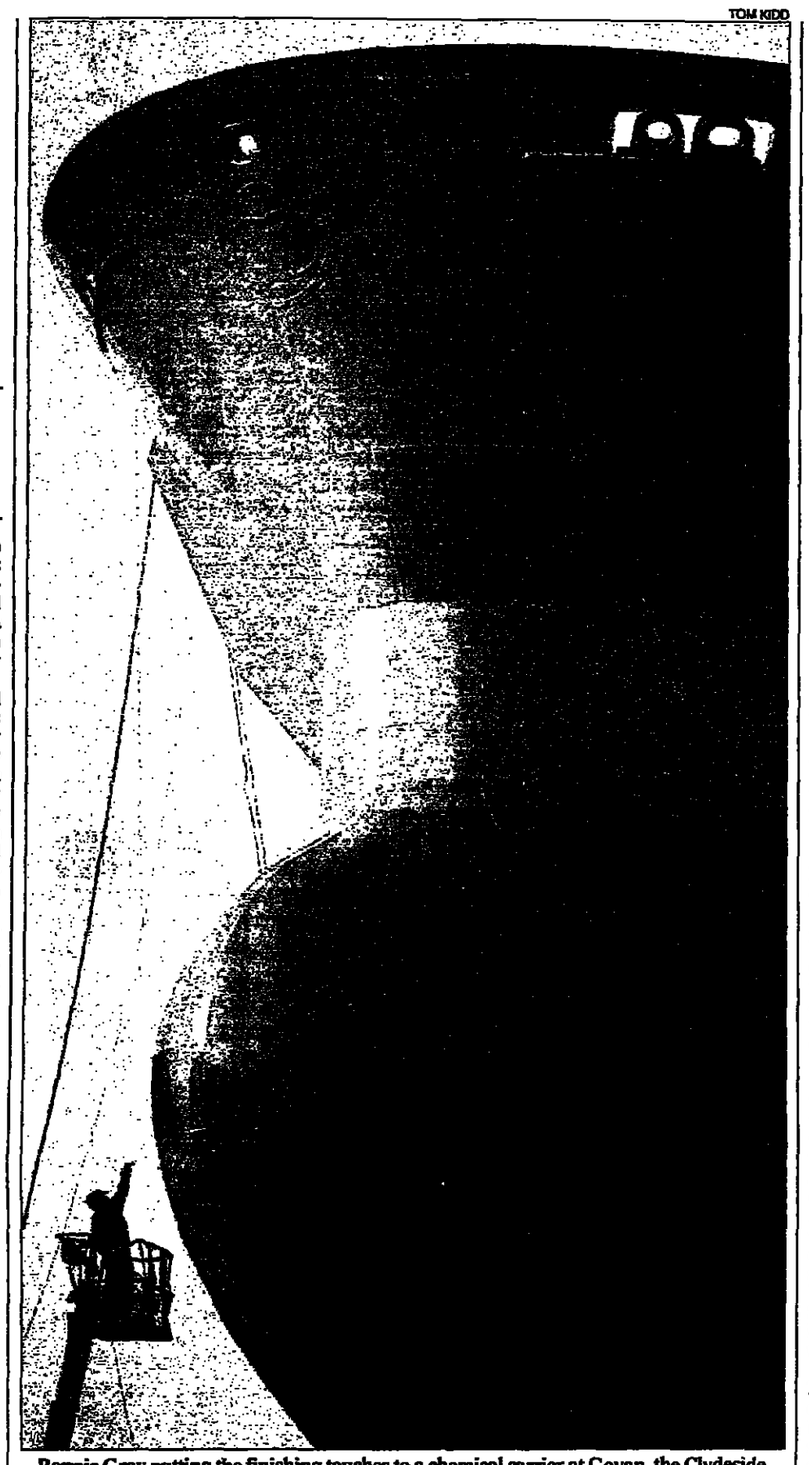
Business School cuts its growth forecasts

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE London Business School said that it would favour a further cut in interest rates to as low as 4 per cent if the recovery were clearly stalling and inflation remained low.

The LBS has revised downwards its October forecasts for growth over the next five years, largely because of tax increases. It expects the economy to grow at 2.5 per cent this year, the same as the Treasury, but is then markedly less optimistic than the Government. In 1995, growth is expected to dip to 2.2 per cent as consumer spending falls back in response to tax increases, edging up to 2.3 per cent in 1996 and 2.4 per cent in 1997.

Its inflation forecast is now more optimistic, with underlying inflation staying between 3 per cent and 3.5 per cent over the next four years.



TOM KIDD

Ronnie Gray putting the finishing touches to a chemical carrier at Govan, the Clydeside shipyard, which made a profit of £1 million in 1993 — its first for 30 years. Its owners, Kvaerner of Norway, announced a pre-tax profit of £119 million (Results 26, City Diary 29)

US firms in dark on Saudi jet deal

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN aircraft and jet engine makers said they had no idea which equipment would be bought as a result of the $6 billion Saudi Arabian commercial jet deal awarded to them and announced with a fanfare by President Clinton on Wednesday.

Industry sources said the White House announcement caught everyone by surprise. McDonnell Douglas had to fly John McDonnell, its chairman, to Washington at short notice to flank the President when the deal was unveiled.

A McDonnell spokesman said yesterday: "We have no details of what the Saudis want to buy. We have been told to be in Saudi on March 20 to discuss schedules, financing, costs and the mix of the plane." No Boeing spokesman was immediately available for comment.

GE Engines, which supplies the power plants for some of the Saudi military fleet, said: "We had no idea this was coming. There have been no decisions on which engines will be chosen; that will depend on which aircraft are selected." Those close to the industry say the Saudi order was the world's largest in the offing.

McDonnell confirmed that none of its executives had travelled with any of Mr Clinton's senior politicians on visits to Saudi that started last July. Three senior members of the Clinton cabinet are reported to have made four visits to Saudi to negotiate the deal. President Clinton himself put America's position to Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador in Washington, and made a personal telephone call to King Fahd.

The Administration says 20,000 jobs will be created by each $1 billion of the order. McDonnell said: "It will be a shot in the arm for our commercial aircraft division."

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Westland gets tough on Arab cash

BY NEIL BENNETT



Alan Jones, Westland's incoming chairman, yesterday

WESTLAND, the helicopter maker fighting a £497 million bid from GKN, has blocked more than £385 million in Middle East bank accounts to try to retrieve the funds it is owed in a long dispute with the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI).

The company yesterday disclosed, at its annual meeting, that it has already retrieved £25 million from a bank account in America after obtaining a court order to collect it. Westland is now taking legal action in England, France, Germany and Switzerland to gain access to accounts holding the balance of the cash it is seeking.

Westland's action was prompted by the verdict, last summer, of an arbitration tribunal in Switzerland that the AOI owed it £385 million in damages. The case dates from 1980, when the AOI, whose members include Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, cancelled a big order for Westland helicopters.

The AOI is appealing against the decision, but Alan Jones, Westland's chief executive, said yesterday that the company had obtained restraining orders on AOI bank accounts holding more than enough to settle its claim.

Sir Leslie Fletcher told the annual meeting that he is retiring as Westland chairman. He is being succeeded by Mr Jones, who will remain chief executive.

One of Westland's largest institutional shareholders demonstrated support for the company by thanking Sir Leslie and leading applause for him. Richard Hughes, of M&G, which owns 11 per cent of the shares, said: "We would like to thank you for your stewardship of our company. You leave behind an excellent team and a company with sound finances and we are all grateful."

Many smaller shareholders at the meeting also gave strong backing to Westland's existing management.

Mr Jones said of GKN's bid: "These unwelcome offers lack strategic logic and fail to value properly Westland's prospects under its existing management." He noted that Westland shares are now well above the 290p offer price.

GKN published its offer document yesterday. In it, Sir David Lees, the chairman, said that the offer was fair. Westland's new helicopter, the EH-101, had some distance to go before its potential for sales and profits was realised, Sir David said. The rapid rise in Westland shares, from 220p at the start of November, was not connected to the strength of the business, he said.

The document disclosed that GKN has a smaller stake in Westland than it previously believed. When it launched the bid, the group thought its acquisition of shares from United Technologoes in America would boost its holding to 47 per cent. It has discovered that some of Westland's warrants were converted in January, cutting its combined stake to 44.8 per cent.

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DTI report attacks 'bad faith' in car industry

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday called on carmakers and their component suppliers to work together more closely after a Government report savaged the industry, saying it was characterised by "acrimony, bad faith, cheating and lying".

The strongly-worded report by the Department of Trade and Industry, which contains some of the most forceful criticisms of an industry ever seen in a Whitehall document, is especially significant because of the claims made by Japanese carmakers, such as Nissan, for the quality of their components.

Mr Heseltine acknowledged that the DTI report, prepared with the help of manufacturers and suppliers, "pulls no punches". Recognising the "courage" of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, which co-sponsored the report with the DTI, he said the report's findings would be the subject of "controversy".

While praising the vehicle industry as the most successful in Europe and as being probably in better shape now than in the past 30 years, Mr Heseltine said the report showed that "a continuing legacy of mistrust remains a formidable barrier to lean production and supply", and called for greater collaboration.

Launching the report in London yesterday, its author, Professor Richard Lamming of Bath University, said the report marked a "turning point" for the components business, which he said was "an industry characterised by acrimony, bad faith, cheating and lying".

Japanese car companies moving into Britain, such as Toyota, Honda and Nissan — which with Ford, Rover, Peugeot Talbot and Vauxhall took part in workshops with 150 supplier companies in preparing the report — have laid great stress on the quality they have generated among their component suppliers. Those involved in the study included GKN, Lucas, Courtaulds, BASF, Hoechst UK and Philips Components.

The DTI report, which cost about £50,000, said "fundamental and profound barriers" existed, preventing the components supply industry from reaching world-class levels.

The DTI's report said the mistrust in evidence in the industry "is the result of many years of broken promises, abuse of confidence and general acrimony". Supplier firms were confused, frustrated and wasting effort.

Many practices adopted to improve communication in the industry had failed, the report said, although it accepted communication had improved to some extent. Stressing the lack of a joint approach, the report said: "This situation is clearly not leading to an efficient or developing UK components industry, nor is it likely to do so in the short term."

US engine tipped for new Jaguar

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD is considering a plan to fit engines made in America to a new generation of small Jaguar cars.

Executives at Jaguar's American parent are debating whether the small saloon, seen as the successor to the old Mkll series, codenamed X200, should have an engine shared with American-made Ford cars.

The debate further fuels fears that the new Jaguar — one of the most recognisable of all British marques — will be built outside Britain, probably in America, where the bulk of sales would be expected. The move follows the takeover by BMW of Rover, Britain's only mass carmaker.

Jaguar said no firm decision on the future of the new model had been taken and one was not expected until the autumn.

Ford is keen to recoup the £1.6 billion paid for Jaguar, plus the enormous losses the company has since run up during the recession in Britain and worldwide. That would mean sourcing a greater number of components from outside the traditional Jaguar base in Coventry.

A V8 engine is already scheduled to be built at Ford's Bridgend plant in Wales. The introduction of a V6 from America would test the loyalty of many owners and would probably upset many managers within Jaguar who believe the company should retain its "Britishness".

But it seems Alex Trotman, Ford's British-born chairman, is less concerned with Jaguar's "Britishness" than with the need to make 100,000 cars a year at low cost with high efficiency.



Pehr Gyllenhammar, left, for Volvo, and Louis Schweitzer, of Renault, shaking hands last September on the merger that was not to be

Volvo paying Renault £115m as romance is unravelled

■ Volvo and Renault will be free to go their separate ways after simultaneous announcements in Paris and Gothenburg to dissolve the complex cross shareholdings between the two motor groups

VOLVO, the Swedish car and truck maker forced by a shareholder revolt to abort its planned merger with Renault, France's state-owned automotive group, has agreed with the French government to dissolve the complex cross-holdings between the companies and to end a technical co-operation pact.

Under a preliminary disengagement agreement, to come into force by the end of the month, AB Volvo, the parent company, will pay Renault Frl billion (£115 million) because Volvo's performance has been weaker than expected since the cross-holdings were created in 1990.

Renault will initially buy back AB Volvo's 45 per cent holding in Renault Véhicles Industriels (RVI), while the Swedish company will acquire Renault's 25 per cent of Volvo Car Corporation (VCC). In conjunction with Renault's privatisation, expected later this year, AB Volvo will further acquire Renault's 45 per cent holding in Volvo Truck Corporation (VTC).

The survival of the cross-holding deal after the merger plan collapsed had appeared to leave the door open to the two companies to rebuild their relationship after the Renault privatisation. Uncertainties about the privatisation, and how much control the French state would retain, were the prime cause of Swedish shareholder opposition to the merger.

However, yesterday's simultaneous announcements from Paris and Gothenburg made clear that the strategic alliance forged in 1990 was being terminated in financial and industrial terms, freeing the companies to go their separate ways, against the grain of recent developments in the European car industry.

Although Volvo and Renault said that they hoped to continue to work together on projects of common interest, the would-be partners appear to be finalising divorce. Sören Gyll, Volvo's chief executive officer, welcomed the speed with which the agreement to end cross-ownership had been reached.

"Volvo now has a strong automotive operation that will be 100 per cent owned by AB Volvo [the parent company]," he said. "We will now have the freedom to plan and work out our own future in VCC and VTC."

Mr Gyll survived the revolt against the Volvo leadership that swept away most of the board and Pehr Gyllenhammar, the long-standing group president, after the merger plan collapsed on December 2.

Gérard Longuet, the French industry minister, called the disengagement a "divorce between well brought up people", and said: "Each takes back what is theirs, calmly, politely, systematically, so that each gets back their freedom."

If the Renault privatisation is delayed, Volvo will have a call option, valid from November 10 this year to June 30, 1996, to acquire Renault's 45 per cent holding in VTC for Fr4.5 billion (£517 million).

Volvo may also wait until Paris sells Renault and cash in a 12 per cent stake in Renault in the market, which would leave the Swedish group with 8 per cent of a privatised French group. Renault's direct stake in AB Volvo, which gives it 8.76 per cent of voting rights, is not included in the deal. Cross-representation on the boards of VCC, VTC and RVI has been eliminated.

After its Frl billion adjustment payment to Renault, AB Volvo will have 3.6 billion kronor (£302 million) of Renault-related goodwill on its books, which will be written down. Volvo will also make a provision of 1.6 billion kronor (£134 million) for the surplus value in VTC arising from the share swap.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SNC to appeal over Ferranti damages ruling

SMITH New Court suffered a £13.5 million setback yesterday after Citibank won a significant reduction in the damages claim for losses incurred on the purchase of Ferranti shares. SNC plans to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Almost two years ago SNC was awarded damages of £10.76 million plus interest of about £4 million. The Court of Appeal reduced the damages to £1.2 million, plus interest, for a total £1.5 million.

SNC bought 28 million Ferranti shares in July 1989, just before news of fraud at Ferranti almost halved their value. In March 1992 the High Court held that its bid price had been induced by fraudulent misrepresentations made by Christopher Roberts, then head of private banking at Citibank. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision but reduced the damages after putting the true value of the shares at 78p against 82.25p paid by SNC. It was unable to take into account the crash in Ferranti's price to 44p.

Good year for Kvaerner

KVAERNER, the Norwegian group that has succeeded in turning round Clydeside Govan, Britain's biggest commercial shipyard, presented the London-listed company's 1993 results yesterday. They showed a record pre-tax profit of 1.32 billion kronor (£119 million), up 41.5 per cent. Kvaerner's nine shipyard's together reported an overall pre-tax profit of 1.01 billion kronor (£91 million) last year. Ole Jacob Haaland, head of oil and gas division, said Kvaerner is now building up of centre of expertise near Aberdeen to offer a "one-stop shop" for the offshore industry worldwide.

Birkby bids for In Shops

BIRKBY, the holding company with interests in property and vehicle hire, launched a £58 million recommended takeover bid for In Shops, the discount retailer and retail space management company, on the basis of five new Birkby shares for every 12 In Shops shares, valuing the latter at 110p. In Shops' shareholders also have the option of having 40 per cent of their Birkby shares placed for cash at 240p. In Shops share price rose 30p to 113p at yesterday's close with Birkby up 13p to 278p. Birkby's board intends to recommend a final dividend of 4.8p, bringing the total to 6p.

Wickes soars to £17m

A TURNROUND at Hunter Timber and record profits at its DIY chain helped pre-tax profits at Wickes surge to £17.8 million from £3.5 million for the year to December 31. The group has returned to the final dividend list with a payout of 0.8p per share. Retail operations raised turnover by 13 per cent, bolstered by 13 new Wickes DIY stores in Britain and three on the Continent, as well as 14 more Builders Mate trade outlets. The group is planning to expand the number of stores from about 80 to 150 by 1996. Henry Sweetbaum, chairman, said losses at Malden Timber had been stemmed.

Hartstone sales delay

PLANS by Hartstone Group to sell most of its European hosiery businesses to Courtaulds Textiles for £45.4 million have been delayed because of weather damage to a building used for storage and packaging in France. The debt-laden hosiery and leather goods group said last month that it would sell its Cogetex and Sotexa hosiery businesses in France to Courtaulds Textiles as part of a reconstruction programme that would include negotiating new banking facilities. Completion of the sale of Cogetex has been delayed until the extent of the damage is known.

Strike vote at Barclays

A MAJORITY of Barclays union members voted in favour of a one-day strike yesterday, but a technical hitch is thought to mean the stoppage cannot go ahead. The result of the strike ballot, organised by the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union and the Barclays Group Staff Union will be announced today. Although more than half of those voting are believed to favour strike action against compulsory redundancies, a clause in the BGSU's constitution means it needs a majority of more than 60 per cent to go ahead with action. The BGSU may seek a change in its constitution.

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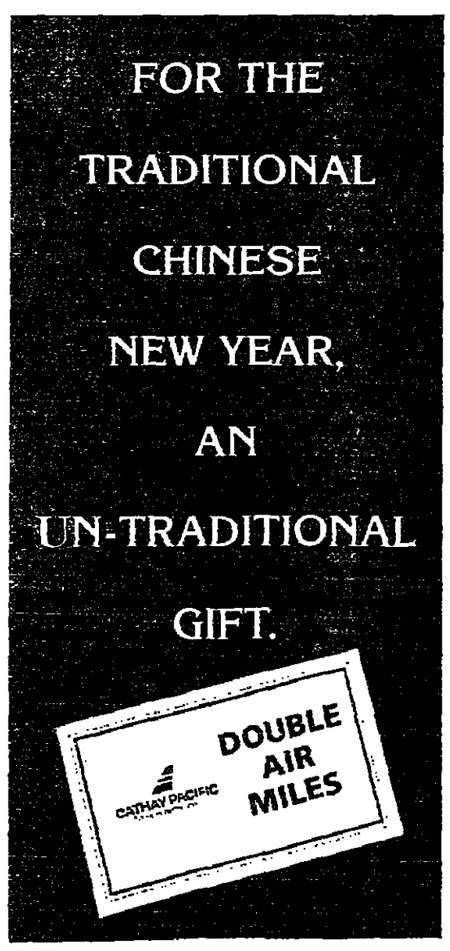
A CONSORTIUM led by Mirror Group Newspapers has formally requested Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to give his ascent to their bid for Newspaper Publishing (NPP), owner of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*, without a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In a written answer, Mr Heseltine said that the Fair Trading Act 1973 gave him discretion to consent to a newspaper transfer without an MMC enquiry where a paper was not economic as a going concern and could face closure. He invited comments by March 3.

ICD back in the black

INTERNATIONAL Communication & Data, the database enterprise which last December fended off an unwelcome attempt at "backdoor management control", is back in the black at the interim stage. There was a pre-tax profit of £191,000 in the six months to November 30, compared with a loss of £1.17 million last time. Turnover, affected by discontinued operations, declined to £2.91 million (£3.5 million). ICD successfully fought off an attempt by PSB Group, the private direct marketing company, to oust senior board members and seize control of ICD.

Pilkington prices rise

PILKINGTON, Britain's biggest glass maker, has raised UK and continental European prices by 6-10 per cent. The company said UK and Nordic prices would rise by 6 per cent and 10 per cent in the rest of Europe, with immediate effect. Pilkington last increased prices a year ago, by 8 per cent, but a spokesman said these had largely eroded. There was more optimism this time that the price rises might take hold, said the spokesman, because of the gradual exit from recession. The price rise was bigger in most of Europe "because prices were lower there to start with".



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AEA commercial arm to be sold off

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government announced that it is to privatise AEA Technology, the commercial arm of the Atomic Energy Authority. The move was attacked by unions as heralding job losses.

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, said privatisation was the "logical next step" in the commercial development of the authority, which operates nuclear technology centres at Dounreay, Caithness, Windscale, Cumbria, and other sites. In 1992, a Monopolies Commission report on the AEA, which has annual turnover of about £400 million, concluded that its business interests rested uneasily in the public sector.

Mr Eggar said in a Commons written answer that responsibility for the AEA's nuclear activities would remain in the public sector, though contracts for decommissioning and radioactive waste management work would increasingly be put out to competition.

He said the form of privatisation had not yet been decided. Talks on that would be held between the AEA and the Department of Trade and Industry. Privatisation is likely to take place in 1995.

Sir Anthony Cleaver, the authority's chairman, said: "This is a unique opportunity to establish for Britain a flagship science and engineering services business." He gave warning that further job cuts might be necessary, following the authority's reduction of its numbers from 10,000 in 1991 to 7,500 today.

John Billard, national officer of the IPMS civil service union, said privatisation could cost taxpayers £300 million, cut jobs and break up research and development teams.

Lower provisions boost Cheltenham

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

PROFITS at Cheltenham & Gloucester, the sixth-largest building society, rose 54.7 per cent to £202.1 million before tax last year.

However, the sharp rise from £130.6 million was partly explained by the society's need to make extra provisions for losses from merged societies in 1992.

In a still static housing market, mortgage lending fell slightly to £2.18 billion from £2.3 billion. Provision for bad debts has been set at £75.9 million, down from £210.7 million in 1992, when the figure was pushed up by bad and doubtful debts from merged societies, including the Portsmouth.

There was an additional provision of £9 million in 1993 for the sale of the society's centralised mortgage centre in Potters Bar. Low demand for mortgage funds meant a fall in borrowing from the wholesale markets. The society's ratio of wholesale funding fell from 24 per cent in 1992 to 22.8 per cent last year. There was also a good flow of retail funds, totalling £125 million net, particularly into the Best 90 and Instant 7 accounts.

Interest income from mortgages and other loans fell from £1.6 billion to £1.29 billion. Other income and charges, including commission on life policies, fell slightly to £59.5 million from £60.9 million.

Andrew Longhurst, chief executive, expects this to fall further next year after the society severs ties with Legal & General.

Nationwide, the second-largest society, has confirmed it is in talks with Guardian Royal Exchange about its tied agency agreement with the insurer.

US cable group plugs into Britain's ITV network



Louis Sherwood announced HTV's return to profit

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE first big American entry into Britain's ITV network will see a company controlled by TCI, the US cable TV group, take a 20 per cent stake in HTV, the broadcaster to Wales and the west of England. Flextech, the British cable company into which TCI last month injected its European interests in exchange for a 60.4 per cent stake, is subscribing for new ordinary shares in HTV worth £27 million.

Two directors of Flextech, which, following the TCI deal, has substantial cable and satellite interests in Britain and continental Europe, are joining the HTV board. Adam Singer, Flextech's executive director, likened his arrival and that of Roger Luard, the managing director, in the ITV network to "two Visigoths allowed into a day's tour of Rome".

The deal creates a link that spans satellite, terrestrial and cable TV and has access to international distribution. The £27 million cash injection will wipe out debts at HTV, which has just achieved a return to profit after near-collapse but is still burdened by the need to find £20.5 million a year for the Treasury in the current franchise period.

The Flextech stake also puts paid to much of the bid speculation that has buoyed up HTV's share price in the current bidding round among ITV companies. Flextech, because of its American controlling shareholder and satellite TV interests, is not, under existing regulations, allowed to buy more than 20 per cent. None the less, HTV shares jumped 27p to 152p, while Flextech edged ahead 8p to 444p. Mr Luard said his company and HTV "have a unique opportunity to build on this overlap to programming, to access facilities and to broaden the range of targeted audiences".

Flextech and UAEH, the business through which TCI has its holding, unsuccessfully bid against HTV for its franchise in 1991.

Louis Sherwood, chairman of HTV, confirmed the company's financial recovery with news of a £3.33 million pre-tax profit in 1993, against a loss in 1992 of £20.5 million after substantial one-off provisions. HTV is returning to the dividend list with a 1p final payment.

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☐ As Sir David says, it's in the price ☐ $6 billion order plays well in Peoria ☐ How good analysts can suffer from bad law

Westland's premium tells all

☐ SIR David Lees, chairman of GKN, appears a mite obsessive about the course of Westland's share price during 1993.

Shareholders are informed, in Lees' letter which accompanies GKN's official offer document for Westland, that last July, Westland's share price rose 44p to 234p during the two weeks which followed news of an award in respect of "litigation with the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation."

Lees also observes that Westland's shares rose 19p to 245p between 26 November and 3 December last year after press reports "speculating on the likelihood of a GKN bid for Westland."

And, fasten seat belts, we are told that just over three months ago, on November 1, Westland's share price was 220p (wait for it) "since which date it has risen by 85p to 305p on the day before our announcement." There is more. This represents "an increase of 39 per cent, almost four times the rise in the FT Actuaries All-Share Index over the same period."

If there was a leak, which there quite conceivably was, the fault hardly lies with Westland. And why focus on 1993? GKN has, after all, been sitting on a springboard stake of 28.3 per cent since 1988 when, with Westland's share price trading at around 78p, an offer of 100p would hardly have proved any less welcome than the currently proffered 290p. United Technologies, the US parent of Sikorsky helicopters, might not have proved unduly receptive but that is not to say that GKN, in the space of six years, could not have finessed a somewhat more opportunistic transaction. A matter which has doubtless crossed the minds of those pondering over the convertible rights issue.

And, whatever the gyrations of Westland's share price last year, the current quote of 332p, for a premium of more than 40p, carries a clear message. Sir David, unsurprisingly, insists that the £497 million bid, indicating an exit p/e of 25 times historic earnings, is "fair."

Fair or not the terms will have to be significantly sweetened if GKN intends to secure its ACT driven 75 per cent target, despite the fact that, in the wake of United Technologies' sale, the springboard stake now amounts to 44.8 per cent.

Then again, bearing in mind the time GKN has spent considering its potential role in the defence industry, cynics might suspect that the favoured strategy is creeping control. In Sir David's words: "Westland's helicopter business is sound and has excellent prospects with a good product in the EH101 helicopter. There is, however, some distance to go before EH101's full potential for sales and profits is realised." So why not leave Westland alone for another six years? Merely declare the "fair" offer "final."

Not a few institutions are strongly opposed to GKN's belated sortie including the likes of M&G and Royal Insurance, which just happens to be chaired by Sir John Cuckney, hardly unfamiliar with this particular investment.

Plane dealing in Washington

☐ SO THAT'S how they do business in Little Rock.

A breakdown of trade talks with Japan results in Mickey Kantor waving a mobile phone around and complaining how outrageous it is that America cannot sell to Tokyo on a level playing field. Then, to a great fanfare, the White House announces a $6 billion order for aircraft from the Saudis, despite constant complaints of unfair European subsidies to Airbus.



Don't ask why all parties were surprised at the speed of the President's announcement; why Airbus appeared to think negotiations had not concluded; and why Boeing says details of the aircraft have still not been worked out. Just round it up to $6 billion and see how it plays in Peoria, or more precisely how 60,000 jobs stop them being sleepless in Seattle.

Free trade Arkansas-style, it seems, depends on having a dominant position in the marketplace; being forced to fight out of a corner results in a trade war.

But enough of White House cheer-leading; remember all these planes need engines screwed onto them. Saudia's order, once Seattle has filled in the forms, could include a mixed bag of Jumbos, 757s and 767s, but will likely feature the 777, Boeing's long-awaited long-range twin-engined jet.

Rolls-Royce can supply any of these aircraft with an engine that has been one of the designs of the century — the Trent, developed from the RB211. The Trent 800 is being specifically designed for the 777 and is likely to offer against US rivals from GE and Pratt & Whitney the most fuel-efficient and lightest option of a tried and tested design which is flying all over the world.

But will Saudia or any other airline tick the box for Rolls-Royce engines along with the choice of paint and seatcovers?

The argument is made all the harder by domestic decisions. British Airways, which flies far more Rolls-Royce engines than Saudia, surprised its state competitors by buying the GE-90 for its 777 aircraft straight off the drawing board. But BA is only overinterpreting Downing Street — and no doubt making a point about its own independence. Privatisation means making state industries lean and mean, but it surely does not mean forgetting your friends. France and Japan do it better.

It would be gauche to point out that British troops also fought in the Gulf war. But if the Saudis give their airline a free hand, the next contract should boil down to the best price for the best engine. It's made in Derby and has a Union Jack on it.

Scotland gets it right

☐ GIVEN some of the people — in the City or out of it — who have walked free from courtrooms, the Thorold Mackie judgment was always a disgraceful one.

Mr Mackie, one of the most respected analysts in Scotland, was successfully prosecuted for doing the job for which he was paid; to wit, gathering information about a quoted company for the benefit of his client. He was fined £25,000, which sounds a great deal worse than 180 hours of community service.

The Scottish court of criminal appeal, two and a half years on, has now quashed his conviction for insider dealing. Mr Mackie's offence was that after a chat with the chairman of the waste group Shanks & McEwan, he advised clients to sell. Shortly afterwards, Shanks issued a profits warning.

The average analyst's reaction would be admiration for Mr Mackie and their response to his prosecution, "There but for the grace of God . . ." The news of the quashing of his conviction was therefore greeted with some relief, both in Charlotte Square and in the London investment community.

Scottish judgments do not provide a binding precedent in English law, but they can be awfully persuasive. The Mackie affair should at least dissuade prosecutions south of the border.

All well and good, but there remain uncertainties. The case came down to the evidence — did he, as the appeal judges accepted, merely deduce the imminence of the profits warning from the chairman's remarks, rather than learn of it verbatim? The line between obtaining inside information and gleaning the facts by assiduous deduction remains a fuzzy one, while flagrant insider trading is still all too common.

Glaxo £1bn beats all City forecasts

BY SARAH BAGNALL

GLAXO, the pharmaceuticals group, yesterday beat even the most optimistic City forecasts with record interim pre-tax profits of £1 billion and a 29 per cent rise in the dividend.

The shares raced ahead 22p, to 697p, as analysts took stock of the 9p dividend, up from 7p last time, and the 22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31.

Analysts quickly started revising full-year forecasts. James Culverwell, of Hoare Govett, said: "These were very good figures. They account conservatively and there are no funnies in the figures." Hoare Govett has raised its full-year profit forecast by £40 million, to £1.95 billion, and lifted its final dividend forecast by 1p, to 27p.

Sales rose by 22 per cent, to £2.8 billion, driven by volume growth and exchange gains. Sales benefited from a £200 million exchange-rate gain, but the City was pleased that the rest of the advance was from volume growth. Tight control on costs helped trading profits to leap by 25 per cent. Investment income fell from £79 million to £73 million because of lower interest rates. The group's cash pile rose from £1.8 billion to £2 billion.

Sales of Glaxo's ulcer drug Zantac, the world's biggest selling medicine, rose by 16 per cent, to £1.2 billion, representing 43 per cent of Glaxo's total sales. Stripping out effects of exchange rates, sales rose by 5 per cent.

The City was pleased that sales of Glaxo's new drugs rose by 60 per cent, to £393 million, contributing 14 per cent to total sales. The biggest leap in sales of a new drug was Immigram, the anti-migraine treatment, which rose from £35 million to £113 million.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive, would not be drawn on speculation that Glaxo is on the brink of forming a distribution alliance in the wake of Merck's takeover of Medco in the US. However, he clearly stated that anything that came between Glaxo and its patients would be dealt with. "We understand clearly what needs to be done," Sir Richard said. "We have laid our plans." He refused to reveal more. The City expects some form of alliance to be announced within six months.

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JAMES MORGAN



Sykes: coy on talk of Glaxo distribution alliance

Kleinwort doubles profit and raises dividend

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

KLEINWORT Benson, the merchant bank, enjoyed a spectacular recovery in 1993, helped by strong equity and treasury markets and renewed corporate finance activity.

Pre-tax profits more than doubled from £45.1 million to £102.5 million even before a £9.2 million profit on the sale of Sharps Pixley, for a total £111.7 million. After three years without dividend growth, shareholders are benefiting from a 15.6 per cent increase in the total payment for the year of 18.5p a share, with a final dividend of 12.5p.

Rob Jeens, finance director, said the bank is "pleased to return to a progressive dividend policy".

Lord Rockley, the chairman, said he was particularly pleased at the consistency of the results and the steady performance of all the businesses. He said there were "no great lumpy items or huge fees that were going to distort the picture". He added: "There is a very good feeling of confidence running throughout the organisation."

Kleinwort Benson has emerged from a period of management uncertainty, which culminated with the departure of Jonathan Agnew as group chief executive last summer and the restructuring of the business divisions at the end of last year.

Lord Rockley said the outlook for this year was positive. "There are a lot of business opportunities about. Obviously the financial services business is dependent on the general health of the market, but we are confident that we can handle anything that comes our way."

The bank does not give a detailed breakdown of profits performance. Profits are divided into investment banking, which turned in £85.3 million against £19.5 million, and investment management, which was fairly static at £26.4 million after £25.6 million.

The investment banking business's treasury and equity divisions benefited from active markets and corporate finance activity picked up. Income from fees and commissions was 55 per cent higher at £239 million. Dealing profits rose 59 per cent to £121 million.

Despite the strong improvement in profits and positive outlook, the shares fell 16p to 636p. Analysts said Kleinwort shares had outperformed the market and dealing profits this year were unlikely to match those in 1993.

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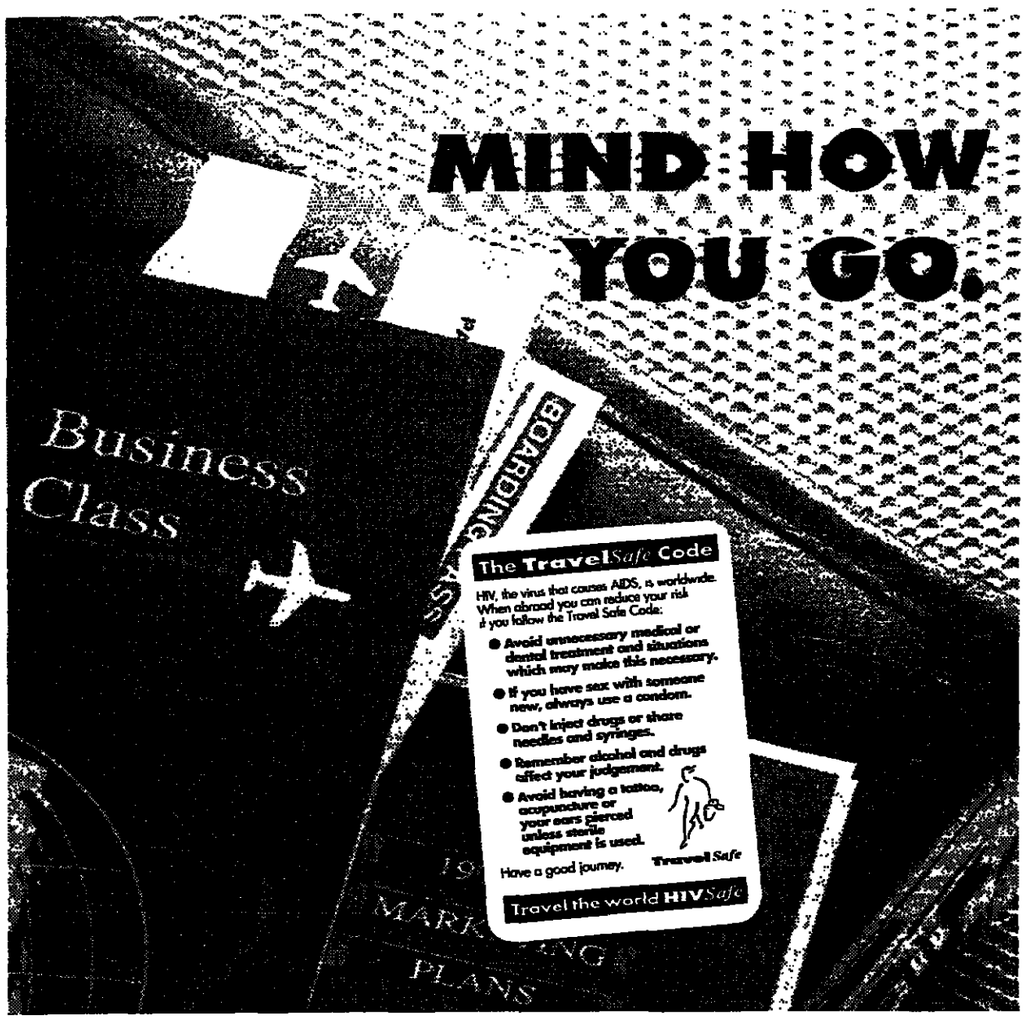
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Bundesbank's surprise cut prompts impressive turnround

THE equity market staged an impressive turnround, recovering from early falls after the surprise reduction in German interest rates.

The FT-SE 100 index, down more than 13 points in early trading, was cheered by the Bundesbank's announcement, which is certain to increase pressure for a cut in UK interest rates.

Positive news on American inflation lifted Wall Street and boosted sentiment in London. After climbing almost 20 points and catching the short sellers on the hop, the index eventually closed 7.6 points higher at 3,425.3.

The shaky start was prompted by Nick Knight, the super bull at Nomura, who has turned cautious and cut his year-end forecast for the index by 12.5 per cent from 4,000 to 3,500 on the back of last week's quarter point fall in base rates.

STOCK MARKET

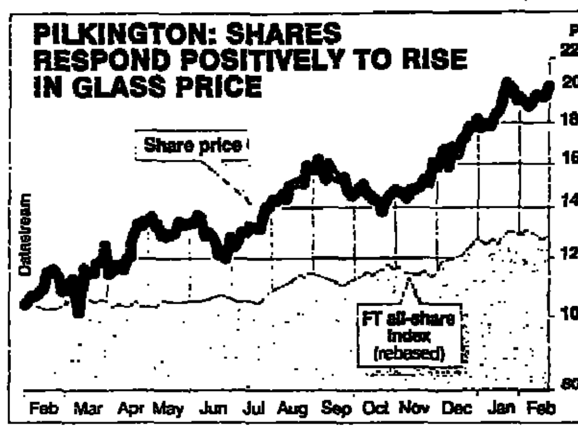
He said: "The Chancellor made a mistake inviting everyone to take a look at fundamentals. The fundamentals don't look good and you have to be more careful. I'm a seller of the market into strength."

But Edmond Warner, a rival at Kleinwort Benson, is sticking with his original forecast of 3,500. He said: "We need a healthy dose of fear to keep the market fuelled and a 5 per cent correction makes it all the better. Value is certainly emerging."

Conflicting signals are now emerging from the market place, with institutional investors apparently reluctant to chase share prices higher. This has been reflected in a drop-off in turnover levels this week, with only 701 million shares traded yesterday.

Among leaders, **Vodafone** hardened 8p to 631p before a series of roadshows in America starting next week. American buying was also good for **Pearson**, 20p better at 720p.

BTR slipped 5p to 378p. Dealers said that the appointment of BZW as a joint broker could signal that the group is looking to hit the acquisition trail. James Capel, the broker, is reputed to be a buyer of **Compass**, 1p better at 747p, and **Thorn EMI**.



But the Thorn share price slipped 1p to £11.30, with brokers pondering the outcome of its musical division's court battle with George Michael, the singer.

Glaxo advanced 24p to 699p after topping the one billion mark during the first half. Pre-tax profits were up 22 per cent at a shade above £1 billion, exceeding City forecast's. **HTV Group** climbed 27p to 152p, encouraged by the announcement that Flextech is paying £27 million, or 156p a share, for a 20 per cent stake.

The two companies will focus on programme production for cable and satellite television. Flextech recently acquired TCI's European programming assets by way of a reverse takeover.

In Shops, the property management group, jumped 30p to 113p on news of a recommended £58 million all-share offer from **Birkby**, up 3p at 268p.

The terms are five new Birkby shares for every 12 In Shops, valuing the deal at 110p a share. First-time dealings saw **Clinical Computing** achieve a healthy premium after being placed at 124p. The price opened at 150p before eventually closing at 173p, a rise of 49p.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank and securities house, dropped 14p to 636p on profit-taking after weighing in with pre-tax profits more than doubled at £111.7 million. Business conditions were described as favourable.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts opened higher and drew strength from the German rate cut and American consumer price index figures. But prices boiled over towards the close, dragged lower by American bond markets. The March series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £117¹/₃₂ before closing £¼ better at £116⁷/₁₆ with 116,000 contracts traded. But it came under further selling pressure after hours, touching £115²⁹/₃₂.

In longs, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £⅛ to £122²³/₃₂, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was five ticks better at £114¼.

□ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street shares were higher in early trading in spite of the decline in the bond market, analysts said. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.47 points at 3,943.74. Advancing issues led declining shares by 11 to eight.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4752 (-0.0033)
German mark .... 2.5558 (+0.0080)
Exchange index .... 80.6 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3425.3 (+7.6)
Dow Jones .... 3943.74 (+6.47)*
Nikkei Avg .... 18931.39 (-120.72)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .... 5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.27-3.25%*
Long Bond 6.48%*

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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 384.75 .... PM 384.50
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Brent Crude .... $13.25 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	18.88	17.38
Belgium Fr	55.59	51.19
Canada $	2.095	1.935
Cyprus Cyp£	0.795	0.745
Denmark Kr	10.57	9.77
Finland Mkk	8.90	8.10
France Fr	9.12	8.42
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	12.08	11.08
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2576.00	2421.00
Japan Yen	168.50	151.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.005	2.775
Norway Kr	11.59	10.79
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.41	11.61
Switzerland Fr	2.29	2.11
Turkey Lira	27213.0	25713.0
USA $	1.576	1.446

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Managers poised to be paper millionaires

By Susan Gilchrist

MIDLAND Independent Newspapers, which publishes *The Birmingham Post*, is looking for a market capitalisation of close to £200 million when the group makes its stock market debut next month.

The group, the largest newspaper publisher in the Midlands with more than 30 titles, was the subject of a £125 million managment buyout from Ralph Ingersoll, the American publisher, in 1991.

It has expanded rapidly since, with profits rising from £5.6 million to £16.0 million through acquiring new titles and turning round loss-making businesses. Midland is now one of the most profitable regional newspaper groups in Britain, with operating margins of more than 20 per cent.

The flotation is expected to raise £100 million for the company, which will be used to reduce debt to about £39 million, representing gearing of just under 40 per cent.

Members of the management team are set to become paper millionaires after the flotation, but insist they intend to retain about 8 per cent of the company, only selling shares to pay off personal debt raised for the buyout. Chris Oakley, chief executive, said a legal dispute with David Sullivan, owner of Birmingham City football club, and Karren Brady, the club's managing director, would not disrupt the flotation nor have any adverse commercial impact on the group. Midland has issued libel writs against Mr Sullivan and Ms Brady.

PAUL SANDERS



John Whitehouse, left, finance director of Midland Independent, with Chris Oakley

Mr Oakley said there was still scope for further acquisitions, adding that the group's ambitions extended beyond the Midlands region. Although its future lies in printed media, he said he was keen to explore opportunities in other media. The group is involved in supplying new services to Birmingham Cable, a leading cable operator.

The shares will be priced on March 3 and dealings will start on March 17.

Lawsuits fail to hold back Tring float

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

A BLIZZARD of pending lawsuits have not deterred the market debut of Tring International Group, which produces budget CDs and cassettes, with a market capitalisation of £50.2 million.

Mark Frey, the joint chief executive, described the five copyright lawsuits the company is embroiled in as "a fact of our business".

Tring is insisting that the legal actions from record industry giants such as PolyGram and MCA "will not have a significant effect on the financial position of the group," according to the prospectus, not least because the company, wherever possible, carries indemnities against defects in title from vendors.

About half the company's equity will be owned by new shareholders after the placing, which at 118p a share was twice subscribed yesterday.

Tring is backing up the float with a profits forecast for the year to March 31 that puts the shares on a forward multiple of 14 at the placing price.

It says it is unable to assess the possible effects of the lawsuits on its 8,000 individual song titles, which are largely packaged into low-price compilations.

But Mr Frey said that a maximum of six of its 800 albums would have to be dropped if the company lost all the actions, while various compilations would have to be adjusted.

"The music industry is litigious and rights are often vigorously protected," the prospectus warns potential shareholders. Philip Keane, finance director, said: "In our business there will always be some pending or threatened litigation."

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WALL STREET

	Feb 17 midday	Feb 16 close
AMP Inc	63¾	63¾
AMR Corp	65¾	66
Abbott Labs	28½	28¾
Aetna Life	64⅞	65¼
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	18
Air Prod & Chem	48¾	48½
Albertson's	27½	27¼
Alcan Alumnm	23¼	23½
Alco Standard	56¼	56½
Allied Signal	81	79¾
Alum Co of Am	79½	79½
Amax Gold Inc	7	6¾
Amerada Hess	46½	46½
Amer Brands	35½	35
Amer Cyanamid	46	46¼
Amer El Power	33½	33½
Amer Express	30¼	30¼
Amer Genl Corp	27½	27¼
Amer Home Pr	60¼	61½
Amer Intl	88¾	89¼
Amer Stores	45½	45½
Amer T & T	54½	54½
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	53½	53½
Anheuser-Busch	49¼	49¼
Apple Computer	36½	36¾
Archer Daniels	26½	26½
Arkla	8	8
Armco	5½	6
Armstrng Wrld	54	53½
Asarco	25½	25½
Ashland Oil	41½	40¾
Atl Richfield	103½	103½
Auto Data Pro	51½	52½
Avery Dennison	29½	29¾
Avon Products	56½	57
Baker Hughes	19½	19¼
Baltim Gas & El	23	23¼
Banc One	32½	32
BankAmerica	43¼	43¼
Bank of NY	52½	52½
Bankers Tr NY	81½	81½
Barnett Banks	41½	41
Bausch & Lomb	49½	50¼
Baxter Intl	23½	23½
Becton Dickinsn	37½	37½
Bell Atlantic	53¾	54¼
BellSouth	55½	55½
Black & Decker	20¼	20¼
Block (H&R)	45½	45¼
Boeing	47¼	46½
Boise Cascade	26¼	26½
Borden Inc	15¼	15½
Bristol Myrs Sq	55½	55½
Browning Ferris	29½	28½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	64½	63¾
CBS	317	318
CNA Financial	79½	79½
CPC Intl	48¼	48½
CSX	90	89¼
Campbell Soup	40¼	40¼
Can Pacific	17½	17½
Cpd Cities ABC	677½	679½
Cpd Holdings	33½	33½
Carolina Pwr	27½	27½
Caterpillar	108½	107¼
Central & SW	26¼	26½
Champion Intl	32½	32¼
Chase Manhat	33½	33½
Chemical Bk	36½	36¾
Chevron Corp	89¼	89½
Chrysler	59½	59½
Chubb Corp	76½	74½
Cigna Corp	67½	68
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	53½	53¼
Coastal Corp	31½	31½
Coca Cola	41½	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	64¼	64½
Columbia Gas	29½	29½
Commonw Ed	26½	26½
Compaq Comp	93½	93¾
Comp Ass Intl	39½	39½
Conagra	26½	26½
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	44½	44½
Cons Rail	64	63
Cooper Inds	38½	38½
Corning Inc	31	30¾
Crown Cork	39½	39½
Dana Corp	58½	59
Dayton Hudson	67¼	66
Deere	78¼	78
Delta Air Lines	51½	51½
Deluxe Corp	34½	34½
Detroit Edison	28¼	28½
Digital Equip	29	29½
Dillard Dept St	34½	34½
Disney (Walt)	47	46½
Dominion Res	41½	41½
Donelley (RR)	31½	30½
Dover Corp	62½	63
Dow Chemical	66¼	65
Dow Jones	40¼	40½
Dresser	22½	22¼
Duke Power	39	39½
Dun & Bradstreet	62½	62¼
Du Pont	54¼	54¼
Eastman Kodak	42½	42½

	Feb 17 midday	Feb 16 close
Eaton Corp	59	59½
Emerson Elec	63½	64½
Engelhard Corp	26½	26½
Enron Corp	32½	31½
Ethyl Corp	19	18½
Exxon	66½	66½
FMC Corp	49½	49½
FPL Group	34½	34½
Federal Express	75½	75½
Fed Nat Mtge	86½	86½
First Chicago	46½	46½
First Interstate	66½	65½
First Union Rlty	9½	10
Fleet Finl Grp	33½	33½
Fluor Corp	46½	46
Ford Motor	65½	65½
GTE Corp	32½	32½
Gannett	54½	54½
Gap Inc Del	42½	41
Gen Dynamics	93¼	94
Gen Electric	109½	108½
Gen Mills	58¼	58½
Gen Motors	61	61
Gen Reinsurance	109½	108
Gen Signal	36	35½
Genuine Parts	38¼	38½
Georgia Pac	73	73
Gillette	61½	61
Glaxo ADR	20½	19¾
Goodrich (BF)	42½	41½
Goodyear Tire	47½	47
Grace (W&R)	44¼	44½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25½	25½
Great Wstn Fin	17½	17¼
Halliburton	31½	30½
Harcourt General	36½	37½
Heinz (HJ)	33½	33½
Hercules	117½	116¼
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	89¼	89½
Hilton Hotels	72½	71½
Home Depot	39½	39½
Homestake Mng	22½	22½
Honeywell	33½	32¾
Household Intl	34½	34½
Houston Inds	42½	42½
Humana	21¼	21½
ITT Corp	101½	104
Illinois Tool	44½	44½
INCO	25½	25
Ingersoll Rand	39½	38½
Inland Steel	35½	35½
Intel Corp	67	67
IBM	54½	54½
Intl Flav & Fr	37½	37½
Intl Paper	75½	75½
James River Va	19½	19½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42½	41½
K Mart	19½	19½
Kellogg	51½	52½
Kerr-McGee	45½	45½
Kimberly-Clark	56½	57½
Knight-Ridder	57½	56½
Lilly (Eli)	56½	57
Limited Inc	17½	17½
LIN Brdcstng	114½	114
Lincoln Nat	40½	41½
Litton	68¼	68½
Liz Claiborne	21	21
Lockheed Corp	66½	65½
Louisiana Pac	43½	43½
MCI Commun	26½	27½
Marriott Int	30½	30½
Marsh & McLen	82½	83½
Masco Corp	37½	37½
May Dept St	41½	40½
Maytag Corp	17½	17
McCaw Cellular	52½	52½
McDonalds	62	61½
McDonnell D	120½	118½
McGraw Hill	69½	70½
Mead Corp	46½	45½
Medtronic	84¼	85½
Mellon Bk	54½	54½
Melville Corp	38½	39
Merck Inc	33½	33½
Merrill Lynch	42½	43
Minnesota Mine	109½	109½
Mobil Corp	81½	81½
Monsanto	79½	79
Morgan (JP)	68½	68½
Motorola Inc	104½	104½
Natl Medical	16	16
Natl Semi	20½	20½
Natl Service Ind	27½	27½
Navistar Int	26	25½
NBD Bancorp	29	29½
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	54½	54
Niag Mohawk	18½	18½
Nike B	51½	51½
NL Industries	8½	8½
Nordstrom	36½	34½
Norfolk Sthrn	70½	71
Nthn State Pwr	41½	41½
Norwest Corp	24½	24½
Nynex Corp	37½	37½
Occidental Pet	18½	18½
Ohio Edison	20¼	20¼
Oracle Systems	34½	34½

	Feb 17 midday	Feb 16 close
Oryx Energy Co	18½	18½
Owens Corning	43	43
PNC Financial	28½	28½
PPG Industries	77½	78
Paccar Inc	61½	61
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	31½	31½
Pac Telesis	55½	56
Pall Corp	17½	17½
Panhandle East	23½	23½
Paramnt Comm	76½	76½
Parker Hannifin	36½	36
Penney (JC)	51½	51½
Pennzoil	54½	55
Pepsico	39½	39½
Pfizer	56½	57½
Phelps Dodge	55½	55½
Philadel Elec	29½	28½
Philip Morris	58½	59¼
Phillips Pet	28½	28½
Pitney Bowes	45½	44½
Polaroid	33	32½
PriceCostco	19½	18½
Procter & Gmbl	59½	59½
Pub Serv E & G	30½	30
Quaker Oats	64½	64½
Ralston Purina	44½	44½
Raychem Corp	37½	36½
Raytheon	62½	65½
Reebok Intl	33½	33½
Reynolds Metals	52	52½
Roadway Srvcs	70½	70
Rockwell Intl	43½	43½
Rohm & Haas	58½	56½
Royal Dutch	109	109½
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	59	59½
St Paul's Cos	82½	81½
Salomon Inc	50½	50½
Santa Fe Pac	23½	23½
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22½
Scecorp	18½	18½
Schering Plough	60½	60¼
Schlumberger	57½	57
Scott Paper	44½	45
Seagram	29	28½
Sears Roebuck	46½	46¼
Shell Trans	65½	65½
Sherwin Wlms	35½	35½
Skyline Corp	21	20¾
Snap-On-Tools	42½	42
Southern Co	41½	41½
Sthwestern Bell	37½	37½
Sprint Corp	37½	36½
Stanley Works	44½	44½
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	26½	25¼
Suntrust	45½	45½
Supervalu	39¼	39¼
Syntex Corp	14½	14½
Sysco Corp	27½	27½
TRW Inc	74½	75
Tandem Comp	13½	13½
Tandy Corp	41½	41½
Telecom Corp	3½	3½
Teledyne	21½	21½
Temple Inland	52	51¾
Tenneco	57½	57½
Texaco	67	66½
Texas Inst	77½	78½
Texas Utilities	37	37½
Textron	59¼	59½
Time Warner	39½	39½
Times-Mirror	34½	34½
Timken	36½	36½
Torchmark	45½	45½
Toys R Us	35½	35½
Transamerica	52½	52½
Travelers	39½	39¼
Tribune	57½	57¼
Tyco Labs	52½	53¼
UAL Corp	140½	141
UST Inc	29¼	29½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unilever NV	116½	118
Union Camp	49¼	49
Union Carbide	25½	25
Union Pacific	61½	61½
Unisys Corp	14½	14½
USAIR Group	13½	12½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	38½	38½
US West	40¼	41½
United Tech	71	71
Unocal Corp	28¼	28½
Upjohn	28½	28¼
VF Corp	49¼	49½
WMX Tech	25	24½
Wal-Mart Stores	27½	27½
Warner-Lambert	65½	65½
Wells Fargo	134½	132½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	47½	48½
Whirlpool	70	70½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	50	50
Woolworth	24½	24¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	44½
Xerox	101½	103

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	172	-1
Baring Emrg Euro	73	+2
Baring Ermg Eur Wts	38½	+½
Chiroscience (150)	151	...
Clinical Computing (150)	173	...
Coda (235)	264	+2
Computerised Fin (90)	148	...
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	44	...
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	40½	-½
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Parkside Intl (110)	125	...
Slimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	94	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	13½	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51½	+½
Trifast (200)	215	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Irish n/p (48)	19	...
Beckenham Grp n/p (25)	2	...
Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
Carlisle n/p (11)	18	+½
Spring Ram n/p (53)	27	...
Stanley Leisure n/p (275)	42	+1
Utility Cable n/p (10)	24	+1
Worthington n/p (51)	10	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Barcom	81p (+12p)
A McAlpine	329p (+35p)
Vosper Thorny	772p (+15p)
General Accident	692p (+11p)
HTV Group	152p (+27p)
Yorkshire TV	346p (+10p)
Dagenham Motors	203p (+13p)
Pearson	720p (+20p)
Thomson Corp	835p (+10p)
Lloyds Chem	359p (+12p)
Atlas Equip	518p (+10p)
Birkby	273p (+13p)
De La Rue	981p (+15p)
Glaxo	697p (+22p)
Ranger	360p (+10p)
Blagden	183p (+9p)

FALLS:

Hambros	430p (-13p)
P&O	694p (-9p)
Lloyds	602p (-9p)
Kleinwort Benson	632p (-20p)
Mitel	398p (-9p)
Diploma	604p (-19p)
Jermyn	275p (-10p)
Slough Estates	279p (-9p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Cadbury	953	MEPC	574	Scot Power	699
Abbey Natl	1,400	Caradon	1,600	Marks Spr	1,900	Sears	2,800
Allied-Lyons	990	Carlton Cms	1,500	NFC	1,100	Sevn Trent	1,300
Anglian W	425	Coats Vyla	3,800	NatWst Bk	3,400	Shell Trans	3,400
Argyll Gp	5,000	Cm Union	1,500	Nat Power	2,400	Siebe	1,000
Arjo Wiggins	1,500	Courtaulds	1,000	Nth Wst W	451	SmKl Bcn	4,200
AB Foods	1,100	Enterpr Oil	1,300	Nthrn Fds	210	Smith Nph	3,000
BAA	702	Forte	5,600	P & O	3,100	Southern Elec	372
BAT Inds	3,500	GRE	4,200	Pearson	1,900	Std Chartd	722
BOC	457	GUS	2,100	PowerGen	1,100	Sun Allnce	841
BP	7,600	Gen Acc	1,600	Prudential	2,500	TI Gp	209
BTR	5,300	Gen Elec	4,600	RMC	579	TSB	7,200
BT	10,000	Glaxo	20,000	RTZ	997	Tesco	9,500
Bk of Scot	2,000	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	1,400	Thames W	1,200
Barclays	6,000	Grand Met	4,000	Reckitt Col	540	Thrn EMI	1,500
Bass	1,400	Guinness	1,800	Redland	1,500	Tomkins	1,000
Blue Circle	2,200	HSBC	4,100	Reed Intl	511	Unilever	909
Boots	1,300	Hanson	12,000	Rentokil	963	Utd Bisc	735
Bowater	574	ICI	1,100	Reuters	732	Vodafone	5,100
Brit Aero	1,900	Inchcape	652	Rolls Royce	5,900	Warburg (SG)	718
Brit Airwys	914	Kingfisher	2,300	Ryl Ins	1,800	Wellcome	1,800
Brit Gas	5,100	Ladbroke	3,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000	Whitbread	358
Brit Steel	4,700	Land Secs	2,100	Sainsbury	3,800	Wllms Hld	630
Burmah Cast	679	Legal & Gn	851	Schroders	42	Wolseley	525
Cable Wire	6,100	Lloyds Bk	3,400	Scot & New	1,400	Zeneca	1,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3943.74 (+6.47)
S&P Composite .... 473.38 (+0.59)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 18931.39 (-120.72)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10786.58 (+152.44)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 432.91 (+1.30)

Sydney: AO .... 2240.9 (-9.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2128.72 (-7.99)

FT 30 share: .... 2593.6 (+1.0)

Brussels:
General .... 7710.96 (+27.71)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2211.19 (+16.96)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 728.50 (+9.20)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1701.09 (+3.31)
FT Non Financials .... 1832.55 (+2.61)
FT Gold Mines .... [illegible]
FT Fixed Interest .... 128.53 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs .... 104.44 (+0.22)
Bargains 31,245
SEAQ Volume 701.0m
USM (Datastream) .... 165.90 (+0.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Call options were taken out on 17/2/94: Acorn Computers, Amstrad, Development Secs, Goldsmiths, Hanson Wts, LBMS, Kelly Minerals, Man Utd, WTP, YTV Wts.
Puts: Aegis, Fisons
Puts & Calls: Anglo Pacific, Avesco, Ennex Intl, Hanson Wts, Waverley Mng.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3418.0	3449.0	3395.0	3424.5	22133
Previous open interest: 75172	Jun 94	3426.0	3459.0	3425.0	3439.5	472
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.84	94.85	94.83	94.84	17053
Previous open interest: 433840	Jun 94	94.99	95.01	94.95	94.96	15692
	Sep 94	94.96	94.98	94.93	94.94	5910
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.36	96.38	96.36	96.37	92
Previous open interest: 13485	Jun 94	96.06	96.06	96.05	96.06	245
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.25	94.35	94.22	94.28	81899
Previous open interest: 972984	Jun 94	94.60	94.79	94.64	94.72	55330
Long Gilt	Mar 94	116-08	117-01	115-28	116-14	128965
Previous open interest: 158566	Jun 94	115-16	116-02	115-16	115-21	6006
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.15	114.30	113.70	113.72	907
	Jun 94	112.60	113.00	112.47	112.52	4416
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	98.62	99.20	98.38	98.66	290771
Previous open interest: 208523	Jun 94	98.53	99.12	98.28	98.54	6628
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	101.96	102.41	101.95	102.16	1220
Previous open interest: 9290	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.68	93.82	93.68	93.77	2160
Previous open interest: 39460	Jun 94	94.15	94.31	94.19	94.26	1289
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.99	95.95	95.96	95.92	10232
Previous open interest: 67163	Jun 94	96.19	96.25	96.16	96.20	9673
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.20	116.65	114.96	115.82	106179
Previous open interest: 101640	Jun 94	115.40	116.70	115.17	115.86	3488

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyon	600	45	51½	61	10½	27	29½
(*622)	650	16	26½	37	35	55	61
Argyll	280	19	24½	28½	12	22	25½
(*287)	300	9	15	20½	24½	34	37½
ASDA	55	10½	13	14	1½	3	4½
(*63)	60	4½	7	8½	5½	7½	10
Boots	500	51½	61½	68	5	16	19½
(*541)	550	18	34	39½	23½	39	43
Br Airways	460	37	45	54	13	25½	31½
(*477)	500	14	25½	35½	34½	49	53½
BP	360	21½	31½	37½	12	20	26
(*366)	390	9	18	24½	30	37½	42½
Br Steel	140	13	18	22	6	10½	12
(*146)	160	4	8½	13	17½	22½	25
C & W	475	27	42½	—	16½	29	—
(*487)	500	15½	29½	37½	31	44½	49
CU	500	53	68	71½	9½	17½	23½
(*540)	550	21½	38	43½	27½	39	47½
ICI	750	51½	66	75	21	34	46½
(*783)	800	22½	41½	51	49	61	72
Kingfisher	600	45	60	70	14½	30	38
(*626)	650	20	35	46½	39	56½	65
Land Sec	750	—	37	45½	18	37½	40½
(*822)	800	7	16½	25½	53	70½	72½
M & S	420	26½	34	41	5½	18	20½
(*434)	460	7½	16	22½	31	40½	42½
Nat West	550	21½	36½	45½	30½	41	46½
(*552)	600	6½	19½	27	66½	74½	79
Sainsbury	390	31	39½	45	8½	21½	23½
(*379)	700	13½	23½	30	22½	36	39
Shell	700	39½	53½	62	12½	21	30½
(*734)	750	17½	28	35½	40½	47½	56½
Smkl Bch	390	34	45	54½	13	23	30
(*411)	420	18	31	39½	27	39	45½
Storehouse	220	24	30½	34½	4	9	12
(*237)	240	11½	19½	23½	12½	19	21½
Trafalgar	115	12	16	—	4	13½	—
(*115)	120	9	14	18½	12	16½	19
Unilever	1200	49	69½	92	31½	49½	54½
(*1225)	1250	22	45	65	60½	73½	81
Zeneca	750	56½	70	85	16½	29	40½
(*796)	800	24	43½	57	42	57½	64½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	9	27	36½	5½	18½	27
(*467½)	500	1	11½	18½	29	44	50½
Ladbroke	200	9½	18	24½	2	14½	19½
(*207)	220	1½	9	15½	15	27½	32
Utd Bisc	330	24½	29½	34½	1½	11	16
(*351½)	360	3	13	19½	12	29½	33½

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	1000	56	69	88	22½	41	49
(*1018)	1050	25½	45	62	50	69½	74½
Thames W	550	33	43	49	12	28	32
(*567½)	600	10	14	26	39½	60	61½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	475	27½	—	—	½	—	—
(*498½)	500	7½	22	35½	7½	29½	43
BTR	360	25½	28½	35½	1½	14	18½
(*378)	390	2	12	21	15	29	35
Br Aero	500	32½	54	77	4½	30	38
(*526½)	550	5	32	44	28	57	66
Br Telcm	420	36½	44½	57½	1	4½	12½
(*454½)	460	4	19	27	4	19½	29
Cadbury	493	27½	42	—	1	11	—
(*528)	542	2½	13	—	17½	36½	—
Guinness	500	35	47	59	1½	15½	25½
(*532)	550	2	19	33	22	43	52½
GEC	330	16½	26	32	1½	7½	15½
(*344)	360	1	10	16	18	25½	32
Hanson	280	11	17½	21½	1	6½	12
(*290)	300	1½	9½	12	11½	19	23
LASMO	120	6½	10½	22	2½	11½	15
(*124)	130	2½	10½	17	9	16½	—
Lucas	220	6	15½	23	3½	17½	19
(*222)	240	1	7	14	19½	26	30
Pilkingtn	200	9½	15½	23½	4	17½	19
(*202)	220	1	7	14½	20	24	31
Prudential	330	21	26	32	1½	9½	15
(*349)	360	2	9½	17½	14	27½	32
Redland	600	11½	31	42	4	38	47
(*602)	650	1	12½	24	49½	72½	80
Royal Ins	317	6½	—	—	5	—	—
(*318½)	346	1	—	—	29½	—	—
Tesco	220	14½	21½	26½	1½	11	14
(*232)	240	2	10½	17	12	22	25
Vodafone	600	33½	58	75	2	20½	34½
(*631)	650	4½	31	50	24	45½	60
Williams	390	13	25½	32	2	16½	22½
(*400)	420	3½	10½	16½	22	35½	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3425)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Feb	129	78	30	3	.	.
Mar	149	112	81	54	35	21
Apr	172	138	107	81	61	43
May	196	163	134	106	85	65
Jun	215	—	154	—	105	—
Puts						
Feb	1	1	2½	26	75	125
Mar	25	39	57	81	111	149
Apr	49	63	84	109	137	170
May	67	83	103	126	157	186
Jun	79	—	117	—	166	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abbey Nat	500	28½	35	49	11	21	27
(*519)	550	7½	15½	26½	43½	59½	56
Amstrad	35	3½	5½	7½	2	4	5
(*36)	40	1½	2½	5½	5½	6	8
Barclays	550	42	53	64	8	19½	27
(*584)	600	13	27	38	33½	45	54½
Blue Circ	300	25	32	43½	7	21	30½
(*373)	390	9½	16½	27½	24	34½	49
Br Gas	330	20½	27	31½	4½	15	17
(*344)	360	4½	11½	17	20	31	34½
Dixons	200	17	25	29	6½	9½	16½
(*211)	220	6	15	19½	14½	19½	27½
Forte	240	24	23	34	3	10½	15
(*258)	260	10½	15½	24½	11	20½	25
Hillsdwn	180	10	14	19	5	14½	16½
(*182)	200	2	6½	11½	20	29½	30½
Lonrho	160	11½	18½	28	6	15	22½
(*160)	180	4½	13	17	23	28	34
Sears	130	6½	9½	12½	3	7	9½
(*132)	130	3	5½	8	10½	14	15½
Thm Eml	1100	50½	77½	101½	18	35	46
(*1,129)	1150	22½	50	74½	42	59	70
Tomkins	240	13	20½	29½	6½	12	13½
(*266)	280	9½	13½	19½	17½	22	29½
TSB	240	17½	25	32	4½	11	16½
(*250)	260	7	15	21	15	21½	27
Wellcome	650	36	56	74	19½	39½	53
(*664)	700	15	36	56	49½	69	81½

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	60	72	76½	13½	22	30
(*697)	700	30½	57	59½	41½	57½	74
HSBC	1000	73	112	127	62½	79	112
(*1019)	1050	50½	97½	119	91	120	136
Reuter	2050	96	159½	194½	74½	119½	134
(*2063)	2100	72	134	172	101	142½	162

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	176	7	—	—	2½	—	—
(*180)	195	1	—	—	16½	—	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	130	10½	17	23	9	14½	19½
(*131)	140	6	13	18	14½	21	24½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastn Elc	690	45	61½	74½	1	11	23
(*692)	730	7½	32	44½	14½	31½	49½

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	45	54½	61½	3½	10	15
(*499)	500	15	29½	38½	14	27	32
Scot Pwr	420	34½	40½	54½	4	12	27
(*447)	460	10	24	37	21	30	40½

February 17, 1994 Tot: 48814 Call: 29392 Put: 19422 FT-SE Call: 15324 Put: 10845
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa fell sharply when the daily trading statistics showed a sharp fall in open interest, showing that much of the recent large position in March was caused by market makers hedging written option positions using futures contracts. When the options went off the board, the hedges were also lifted, reducing the size of the open position and fears that exceptional off-take would be seen in a few weeks.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	Jul	[illegible]
Jul	[illegible]	Sep	[illegible]
Sep	[illegible]	Dec	[illegible]
Dec	[illegible]		
Mar	[illegible]		Volume: [illegible]

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	[illegible]	Nov	1224-1220
May	[illegible]	Jan	1224-1220
Jul	[illegible]	Mar	1224-1220
Sep	[illegible]		Volume: [illegible]

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	[illegible]
Spot	[illegible]	Jan	[illegible]
Mar	[illegible]	Mar	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
Jul	[illegible]		Volume: 50

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	[illegible]
Spot	[illegible]	Mar	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
Aug	[illegible]	Aug	[illegible]
Oct	[illegible]		Volume: 1247

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	[illegible]	[illegible]	124.95
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eng/Wales	[illegible]	[illegible]	124.92
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotland	[illegible]	[illegible]	125.77
(+/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(%)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	unq		Mar	unq	
Sep	unq				Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	99.40
May	100.90
Jun	100.75
Sep	90.10
Nov	91.15
	Volume: 307

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	103.65
May	105.65
Sep	91.75
Nov	93.75
Jan	95.50
	Volume: 34

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	150.0
Apr	111.5	109.9
May	130.0	128.5
		Volume: 53

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 63.75-64.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels took another tumble as Saudi Arabia continued to make intransigent noises about output cuts.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.00	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.10	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.25	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.20	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.40	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	139 (-1)	140 (-1)
Non EEC IH Mar	141 (-1)	143 (-1)
Non EEC IH Apr	140 (-1)	142 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	133 (-3)	135 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	138.25-38.50	Jun	139.00-39.50
Apr	138.00-38.25	Jul	141.00-41.50
May	137.75 BID	Aug	143.50-43.75
			Vol: 14697

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.18-13.21	Jul	13.76 SLR
May	13.38-13.40	Aug	14.01 SLR
Jun	13.56-13.60		Vol: 20307

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	unq	Jun	unq
Apr		Jul	
May	154.00-55.50		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Feb 94	High: 1140	Low: 1140	Close: 1140
Mar 94		1165	1163
Apr 94		1235	1225	1227
Jul 94		1120	1110	1111

Vol: 253 lots Open interst: 2415 Index 1140 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1901.0-1902.0	1924.0-1924.5	225400
Lead ($/tonne)	493.00-493.50	496.00-497.00	151250
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	973.00-970.50	987.50-988.00	337950
Tin ($/tonne)	5615.0-5617.0	5650.0-5655.0	36325
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1245.0-1285.5	1306.0-1306.5	2085925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5975.0-5977.0	6035.0-6036.0	58008

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.6 (day's range 80.4-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8561-2.8713	2.8649-2.8684	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	52.41-52.71	52.54-52.65	5-8ds	16-22ds
Copenhagen	9.9490-9.9820	9.9600-9.9750	⅞-2¼ds	3½-4⅞ds
Dublin	1.0390-1.0430	1.0396-1.0426	7-11ds	22-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5465-2.5589	2.5527-2.5560	⅛-¼ds	½-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.19-258.35	257.19-257.82	55-145ds	271-385ds
Madrid	208.03-208.56	208.11-208.41	63-71ds	194-210ds
Milan	2475.40-2487.40	2477.10-2481.10	6-8ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9778-1.9866	1.9778-1.9807	0.23-0.18pr	0.44-0.36pr
New York	1.4743-1.4781	1.4760-1.4770	0.19-0.18pr	0.56-0.54pr
Oslo	10.9980-11.0520	11.0270-11.0430	¼-¾ds	½-1¼ds
Paris	8.6600-8.6910	8.6700-8.6840	⅞-1¼ds	2½-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.8270-11.8680	11.8350-11.8590	1¼-3ds	6¼-7⅞ds
Tokyo	152.70-153.91	153.65-153.91	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.91-17.99	17.94-17.98	⅜-1¼ds	½-2⅛ds
Zurich	2.1483-2.1572	2.1483-2.1513	⅛pr-par	½-⅜pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4740-1.4766
Australia dollar	2.0663-2.0691
Bahrain dinar	0.551-0.563
Brazil cruzeiro *	786.73-788.48
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.182-8.298
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.4312-11.4381
India rupee	45.90-46.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4335-0.4435
Malaysia ringgit	4.1083-4.1125
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5676-2.5716
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4795-5.6055
Singapore dollar	2.3482-2.3513
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7246-6.7735
S Africa rand (com)	5.0906-5.0986
U A E dirham	5.363-5.487

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3982-1.3991
Austria	12.160-12.165
Belgium (Com)	35.61-35.65
Canada	1.3425-1.3430
Denmark	6.738-6.742
France	5.8765-5.8785
Germany	1.729-1.730
Hong Kong	7.7337-7.7347
Ireland	1.4157-1.4197
Italy	1675.5-1676.5
Japan	103.85-103.95
Malaysia	2.779-2.781
Netherlands	1.9402-1.9412
Norway	7.464-7.467
Portugal	174.30-174.45
Singapore	1.589-1.590
Spain	140.84-140.94
Sweden	7.9669-7.9744
Switzerland	1.4570-1.4575

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 3½ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4¹³⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 4¹³⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4⅞-4²⁹⁄₃₂	4⅞-4²⁹⁄₃₂	4⅞-4²⁹⁄₃₂	4⅞-4²⁹⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂
Interbank:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂	5⅛-5³⁄₃₂

Overnight: open 4¾, close 3½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5
Dollar CDs:	3.40-3.37	n/a	3.54-3.52	3.64-3.62	4.00-3.98
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅝-3⅛	3⅞-3⅝	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.40-384.80 Close: $385.75-386.25 High: $386.10-386.60 Low: $383.30-383.80 Krugerrand: $384.50-387.50 (£260.25-262.25)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.00 (£60.50-62.50) New $89.00-92.00 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $404.50 (£273.95) Silver: $5.35 (£3.625) Palladium: $135.00 (£91.45)



Brand manufacturers fear that if they launch legal action against supermarket chains, their products may be banished from the shelves

The undeclared war waged on supermarket shelves

Branded goods firms are being squeezed by own-label look-alikes, but dare not confront the big retail chains, says Susan Gilchrist

Do you passionately believe no other brand of tomato ketchup tastes like Heinz? Or are you convinced that it is indistinguishable from the cheaper *own-label versions by Sainsbury*, Tesco or Safeway? After all, the bottles look virtually identical — same shape, similar label. You may have picked up an own-label ketchup thinking it was the brand leader.

But what is a seemingly trivial purchasing decision to the consumer has an impact on food retailers' and brand owners' profits. The relationship between supermarkets and brand companies is one of resentful dependency at the best of times, but the two sides are heading for a confrontation over the issue of lookalike products. Retailers have for a long time sold their own versions of branded products but the *brand manufacturers are increasingly* angry at the proliferation of own-label goods that are clearly designed and packaged to imitate leading brands.

Companies such as Unilever, Grand Metropolitan and Procter & Gamble spend tens of millions launching and developing their brands and they resent the fact that the supermarkets can, as they see it, "piggy back" on that *investment. The manufacturers argue* that the practice damages their trade because it can confuse the consumer into buying an own-label lookalike, in the belief that it is the genuine branded article. Or, more subtly, but equally harmful to profits, that it leads consumers to believe that the product inside must be the same.

The food retailers disagree, saying own-label products are clearly marked as such and there is no question of confusion. They insist that own-label benefits the consumer because it increases competition and usually offers a lower-priced option. Ruth Parkhouse, assistant director of external affairs at *the British Retail Consortium, insists* that lookalikes do not pose a problem for brands: "As long as a product is clearly marked as the retailer's own label, I don't see how it can be confused," she says. "The main issue is whether consumers are being conned and I don't believe they are."

Some brand companies have made life more difficult for themselves by manufacturing own-label products, fostering the belief among consumers that own-label and branded goods are of equal quality. In an attempt to fight back, Kellogg's recently took the unprecedented step of launching an advertising campaign incorporating the slogan "We don't make cereal for anyone else." In fact, few brand manufacturers now supply retailers with own-label products.

The threat from own-label is stronger in Britain than anywhere else in the world. Own-label accounts for about 30 per cent of grocery sales — and significantly more in the major multiples — compared with about 15 per cent in America, according to Verdict, the retail consultant. This is largely because the leading food retailers in Britain command such a large proportion of the market. Verdict estimates *that the top four supermarkets account* for almost 40 per cent of the food and drink market. However, one senior manager in a large fast-moving consumer goods company has another theory. "Own-label in Britain has been riding on the wave of unfair laws and that is why it is so developed here compared with the rest of Europe."

Brand companies believe the current *laws to protect their products are* inadequate. Registered trademarks, traditionally the brand companies' most powerful weapon against product counterfeiting, are often impotent against lookalikes. Retailers rarely use actual brand registered trademarks to create similar own-label products; they rely on more subtle visual images and subliminal messages. Moreover, few things qualify as registered trademarks. The distinctive shape of a Coca-Cola bottle may do, but it is harder to register attributes such as colour schemes or typography, which, brand manufacturers insist, are important for the overall look of a product.

The English tort of "passing off" seeks to protect against trademark infringement, but brand manufacturers say it is notoriously difficult to prove. To succeed, a brand company *must show a significant degree of* customer confusion: obtaining evidence, though, is problematic. The company is not allowed access to customers in the supermarket and evidence collected through market surveys is hypothetical and therefore open to attack in court. Paul Walsh, a partner at Bristows Cooke & Carpmael, a law firm specialising in *trademark and intellectual property* law, says most cases have only a 40 to 50 per cent chance of success.

"With those odds, it is difficult for brand leaders to bring actions against their major customers." Indeed, brand companies are so nervous of upsetting *the large supermarket groups that* none is currently willing to talk publicly about the issue.

Therein lies the rub. Manufacturers are reluctant to launch legal action against their biggest customers. One *brand manager says: "You can't risk* upsetting Sainsbury. It would be commercial suicide." They fear that the supermarkets may retaliate by relegating their brands to the bottom shelves, or even cease to stock them.

Brand owners believe the dilemma can be solved by an amendment to the Trade Marks Bill, which is scheduled to be heard in the current session of Parliament. They are lobbying for a clause preventing own-label products from imitating the *overall appearance* of a brand rather than just distinctive "signs", as the Bill currently states.

They claim trademark law is tighter in other countries. In France, brand *manufacturers can protect themselves* against lookalikes on grounds of unfair competition or parasitic behaviour, not just trademark infringement. In Belgium, similar packaging is sufficient for an action to succeed.

But so far, the brand companies have had little success in changing the proposed legislation. Their original amendment was rejected at the committee stage in the House of Lords. The Bill's report stage is due next week and a consortium of brand manufacturers is deciding whether to press again for amendment.

Retailers dispute the need for any amendment. Mary Shearer, company *secretary of the British Retail Consortium*, says: "The brand companies are trying to use trademark legislation to seek infringement proceedings against something that is not a trademark. That is totally illogical. It is also a restriction on competition." She believes brand companies already have ample protection under the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988. "It's not our fault if they don't bother to use what is available to them."

Retailers plan their own amendment. They are trying to expand the scope of the bill to allow retailers to register their own names as trademarks.

Ironically, the Bill was squeezed into this session of Parliament by the Department of Trade and Industry, in the belief that it would get through unchallenged. Instead, it is turning into a platform for the hitherto silent and seething feud between the supermarkets and brand companies. As one fast-moving consumer goods director said: "Relations between us and the *retailers have never been so bad.*"



Little distinguishes branded goods from own-label look-alikes

TEMPUS

Glaxo sweetens pill

TRY as they will, Glaxo's detractors cannot keep a good drug company down. The harbingers of doom warn of price pressures in America, competition from generic drugs and threats to the patent on Zantac, Glaxo's golden goose. Dangers remain, but yesterday the group gave its critics pause for thought with American sales up 21 per cent in real terms while it kept costs under control and spent more on research and development.

The news was not all good: sales are falling in Europe because of curbs on healthcare expenditure. The anticipated expiry of the patent on Tagamet, a rival to Zantac, could flood the American market with cheaper alternatives to Glaxo's product. But Glaxo is generating more cash from its best-selling pills and potions than it can find uses for. The group generated a surplus of £196 million after investing £308 million, paying the taxman and handing back £430 million in dividends. With Glaxo's new drugs making handsome sales gains and £2 billion in the bank, the company's problem is an embarassment of riches rather than a prospect of penury.

Shareholders are benefiting, with falling dividend cover and a yield running a third ahead of the market average. But pressure is mounting on the company to respond to the Merck/Medeo merger in America and the perceived threat to Glaxo's market share from the vertical integration of rival drug-makers and suppliers. Glaxo, on its own, has proved it can outstrip the US sales growth of major American competitors and risks jeopardising its formula of research-driven development were it to divert cash into an expensive US alliance.

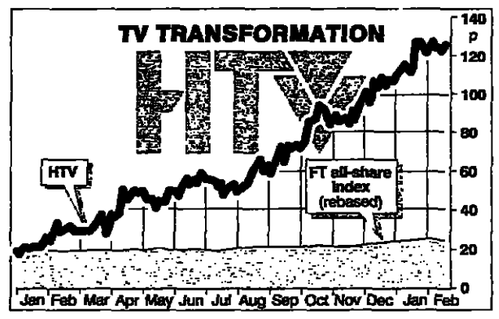
HTV/Flextech

A YEAR ago it was hard to discern a viable future for HTV, which was saddled with gearing of more than 100 per cent, had fallen into losses and was faced with a heavy rise franchise costs.

Since then, HTV has delivered on all the promises that sounded so implausible. It has scythed costs by 18 per cent and restored its share of *the advertising market to 6.1* per cent. Debts have fallen 11 per cent, in spite of the burden of a £20.5 million payment for the franchise.

The company's reward is a place in the current bids and *deals dance that dominate* the industry. The acquisition of a 20 per cent in HTV by Flextech has an industrial appeal that eludes most of the other recent deals. Flextech needs HTV's production facilities and programme output to fuel its portfolio of satellite and cable channels. While the other television bids were driven by a desire to consolidate the existing market, Flextech's investment acknowledges *that the real growth will be* in satellite and cable.

Applying normal financial measures to the deal is futile. Flextech cannot suffer earnings dilution, since it has no earnings yet. It is too busy staking its claim in a new industry to concern itself with profit. Flextech's cash injection on a prospective p/e ratio of 18 does not look expensive *in industry terms. But it* will leave HTV ungeared and in better shape than could have been imagined a few months ago.



Kleinwort

THE board of Kleinwort Benson must have felt thoroughly miffed at the raspberry the stock market blew at the merchant bank's bumper *figures yesterday. For the* first time in recent memory, the bank turned in a flawless set of results. Even the return on capital could hardly be faulted. At more than 22 per cent pre-tax it was more than most of its clients could boast. Nevertheless, the shares fell 20p to 632p.

Merchant banking was one of the market's best performing sectors in 1993, as investors scrambled to participate in profits from the bull market. Now the market is beginning to fret about the *sustainability of those profits*, and Kleinwort's figures did not give readers much cause for confidence.

The rise in KB's dealing profits from £62 million to £121 million is a clear indication how heavily the bank relied on its trading activities for the recovery in profits. Last year was an exceptional one in all financial markets, foreign exchange, fixed interest and equities, and it is inconceivable that the good times will continue to roll quite so merrily this year.

Optimists hope that KB's corporate finance and investment management operations will be able to pick up the slack left by a fall in dealing activity. Indeed, they have both had a good start to the year. But both these activities will have to drive very hard to make up for the fall in trading profits.

The City, as a result, expects KB's profits to fall back to a more sustainable level of about £80 million this year. At that level they are trading at around 15 times prospective earning. That does not sound demanding but it is similar to the rating for SG Warburg. Warburg, with its more powerful corporate finance and asset management businesses, is an altogether more balanced operation and looks the better bet.

Tring

THE release of the sort of 1960s and 1970s pop material that forms much of Tring's stock in trade looks more of an offence against the laws of public decency than a matter of copyright. But some distinctly heavy people in the music industry have taken strongly against Tring all the *same and are promising the* company a raft of trouble.

The bland assurances in the prospectus are hardly sufficient, since they lack even the broadest detail of the legal actions Tring faces or their merit. This is a case where the potential investor will just have to trust the management — or not, according to taste.

The inclusion, in a fringe role, of the Levinson family, last heard of in connection with the crashed Prestwich video concern, hardly adds *savour*.

Least convincing of all is the fact that the current shareholders, including the Levinsons, are heading for the exit in respect of almost half their holdings in return for hard cash. It may all turn out for the best. It may not. The success of yesterday's placing suggests there are still plenty of optimists out there.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Make small shareholders feel welcome and informed

From Mr John Foster

Sir, I am astonished at the cavalier attitude that some companies adopt towards small investors.

Last September, I bought shares in Ladbroke Group, Temple Bar Investment Trust and WPP Group. Of these, only Ladbroke showed the slightest interest: it welcomed me with a letter signed by the chairman, a list of shareholder benefits and a discount card for Hilton Hotels.

Sadly, nothing has come from the other two. It is surprising that WPP — the UK's biggest advertising group — should choose to ignore investor relations, particularly when the share price has fallen by some 15 per cent in a rising market.

Companies should give new shareholders basic information on past performance and estimated future prospects. At the very least, a copy of the current annual report and a short note would show that the company cares about its investors — even if they are small ones.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Mackie back on stream

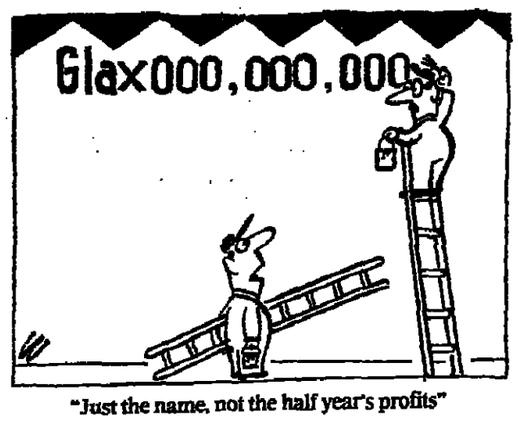
THOROLD Mackie, the noted Scottish investment analyst at Bell Lawrie White, the Edinburgh stockbroker, cannot wait to get back into print or start talking to clients again. For the past two-and-a-half years, Mackie has been obliged to keep "mum". In September 1991, his firm sold 2 million shares in Shanks & McEwan, an event that led to a Stock Exchange insider dealing unit raid on his offices, his arrest in March 1992, followed by a trial a year later and conviction for insider dealing. The Scottish Court of Appeal this week quashed the conviction which carried a £25,000 fine, with the remark that Mackie had suffered a miscarriage of justice. Mackie yesterday by-passed an opportunity to pen his name to a research note that Bell Lawrie sent to clients. Instead, he listened as colleagues suggested which company his first signed note might be. Mackie should be back in print next week.

Stressful days

SHOULD the office manager be seen stalking about the office, peering at staff, then cross-checking a list, it is likely that the latest missive from Coopers & Lybrand has arrived. The management consultant is advising companies on how to avoid the risk of being sued by employees for stress. The early alert signs of stress include: people being secretive and late for meetings, delays with decisions, an increased accident rate, stomach pains being offered as a reason for time off, whingeing becoming the norm an increase in resignations and evidence of frustrations being taken out at work. If any manager scores between one and four — watch out. A score of between seven and ten, and a call to Rentokil would seem advisable.

Number game

RON Miller, sales director of *London Weekend Television*, is just one of LWT executives praying that Granada fails in its hostile takeover bid for LWT. The bid deadline is next Friday, and who knows what asset-stripping Granada might have in mind should it win? Miller drives a smart Japanese Lexus company car bearing the number plate LWT 1, which has belonged to the LWT group for at least 12 years, and to which he is clearly attached. Every time Miller gets a new company car, LWT 1 goes with him. At Granada, their chiefs merely have ordinary DVLC plates.



"Just the name, not the half year's profits"

Mistaken spread

SMITH New Court, the broker, is known for its skill in market spreads — the difference between the "bid" and *"offered" price of securities. So* there was confusion followed by consternation yesterday when the Extel wire service "flashed" that the broker had won £10.7 million legal damages in a case involving a share purchase in Ferranti, the electronics company, from Citibank. Alas, a correction *followed that showed SNC* was in fact £9.6 million lighter in the wallet as the earlier £10.7 million award had been cut sharply by the Court of Appeal to £1.1 million.

Going for gold

KVAERNER, Norwegian owners of Govan shipyard on the Clyde, cannot be accused of neglecting business for sport. Not only did the company last year manage to turnround Govan, but yesterday it revealed a record pre-tax group profit of Kr1.32 billion (£119 million). The Lillehammar Winter Olympics was, however, very much in Kvaerner minds at the briefing on 1993 results. Jan Magne Heggelund, finance director, prefaced his remarks with Norway's impressive Olympic medal tally, which had to be updated to five golds while he was speaking.

Vigilant sparkle

OF NECESSITY, airlines have been vigilant in guarding against the threats of hijacks and terrorists. But El Al's security officers might have demonstrated more sparkle by looking elsewhere. From Jan Smuts, Johannesburg, I'm informed that one visitor from Israel, who was just ending his thirteenth trip to South Africa since 1990, was arrested this week for allegedly smuggling diamonds worth R1.7 million (£333,000) out in his underpants. "More frequent and more thorough searches of passengers using El Al are likely," a detective from South Africa's diamond and gold squad said.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Lloyds Bank
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Overdrafts for
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	Monthly Rate	APR*
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Success of PLC entrepreneurs

FOUR candidates have been shortlisted in the category of entrepreneur of the year in the Coopers & Lybrand PLC Awards, which are held in association with *The Times* (Martin Barrow writes).

James Frost is chairman and chief executive of Frost Group, the independent petrol retailer. The company rounded off a busy 1993 with a £21.3 million rights issue.

Digby Morrow is chief executive of Sidlaw Group, the oil services and packaging company whose market capitalisation has grown from £25 million in 1988, to about £185 million. Last year, the group raised £53 million through its first rights issue.

Max Pearce became chief executive of Haynes Publishing Group in 1991, when profits were £26,000 and borrowings above £5 million. Today, profits approach £4 million and debt has been eliminated.

Geoffrey Hollyhead is chairman and chief executive of Trinity Holdings, the bus and coach builder floated in October 1992. Mr Hollyhead led the management buyout of Trinity, then loss-making, from Hestair for £27 million. On flotation, Trinity was valued at £63 million.

COOPERS & LYBRAND PLC AWARDS

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Alfred McAlpine shares rise after recovery progress

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A DECK-CLEARING exercise at Alfred McAlpine, the building group, since Oliver Whitehead became chief executive last May reduced pre-tax profits to £1.17 million in the year to October 31, down from £3.39 million last time.

Although Mr Whitehead was keen to talk down prospects for recovery in the current year, the shares shot ahead 35p, to 329p, helped by the decision to hold the final dividend at 3.5p and the total for the year at 6.5p.

Mr Whitehead said: "The recovery at the McAlpine group has continued, and the business is in better shape, but we're not expecting anything too dramatic in the next 12 months."

The pre-tax figures included a £3.7 million loss to cover exceptional asset writedowns and provisions and another £2.25 million for reorganisation and redundancy.

The best performing division was housebuilding, whose pre-tax earnings rose from £2.58 million to £5.51 million, and whose prospects for 1994 are described as encouraging. Mr Whitehead said: "In volume terms, we're expecting some growth, maybe between 10 and 15 per cent in sales, but not much growth in price inflation. If we achieve that, we will be pleased."

Sir John Milne, chairman, said that better conditions in the housing market had been reflected in the result from that division, while in the US the growing strength of economic recovery had seen increases in volumes and prices. Pre-tax profits from the US slipped, however, from £1.84 million to £1.68 million, which Sir John described as a disappointing result for a year that had shown much promise.

Minerals and construction remained affected by depressed demand and competitive conditions. In minerals, pre-tax profits fell from £1.86 million to £1.20 million. In construction they were slightly up, at £3.03 million.

Earnings per share rose from 7.3p to 9.6p before exceptional items, but fell from 4.8p to 0.7p after them, and £3.26 million was needed from reserves for the dividend.

In the US, Sir John said, the profit recovery that began late in 1993 was continuing.

McAlpine ended the year with borrowings of £2.5 million, against £28.2 million a year previously, but average borrowings in the year remained at £49 million. They can be expected to rise as housing land is bought.



Oliver Whitehead, left, McAlpine chief executive, and Ken Lever, finance director

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Goldsborough opts for 170p a share price tag

GOLDSBOROUGH Healthcare, the latest nursing home company to seek a stock market listing, has opted for a 170p a share price tag, coming in at the top end of City forecasts. The flotation will value Goldsborough at £74.5 million and will raise £29 million in fresh funds and about £30 million for existing shareholders. Kunick is selling its 50 per cent holding, a legacy from Goldsborough's purchase of its UK care services business, for £24.8 million, before expenses and including the repayment of loans. This will result in a £2.2 million exceptional profit, after having written back £3.4 million of previously written-off goodwill.

NatWest Ventures is selling 5.8 million shares, reducing its holding to 9.9 per cent. The directors of Goldsborough, which runs three hospitals, 26 care homes and 30 offices arranging care, expect to pay a final dividend of 2.2p. Coupled with a pro-forma interim payment of 1.1p, the total notional net dividend for the year would be 3.3p.

Alumasc improves

INTERIM profits at Alumasc, the building products-to-beer-kegs maker, rose despite a flat construction market and declining beer consumption. Pre-tax profits rose 17 per cent to £4.4 million (£3.8 million) and the dividend 11 per cent to 2.05p (1.85p) in the six months to December 31. Earnings per share were 9.53p (8.25p). John McCall, chairman, said demand for insulation systems supplied by M.R., Alumasc's new subsidiary, were encouraging, although sales were restrained by town hall delays in authorising expenditure.

Intercare raising £1.75m

INTERCARE Group, the fast-growing healthcare products company headed by Peter Cowan, is raising £1.75 million to cut gearing and fund small deals. Intercare has also bought out the remaining 25 per cent of shares it does not already own in Montis Medical, the Dutch electric vehicles distributor, for £1.05 million. The deal will be funded by the issue to the vendor of 751,880 new Intercare shares, which will be placed with institutional investors, at 140p a share. Intercare shares eased 6p to 140p.

Roxspur £4.7m purchase

ROXSPUR, the playground equipment and street furniture group formerly known as Levercrest, is acquiring Brearley Group, a maker of temperature sensors, from Anglo United for £4.72 million. Brearley made £615,000 pre-tax profit in the year to March 31, on £3.42 million turnover. Roxspur is raising £5.04 million through a placing and open offer, on a ten-for-nine basis at 21p each. Roxspur, in its first half, to November 30, had a pre-tax loss of £433,000 (£343,000 loss).

MMC clears coach buy

THE £5 million acquisition by National Express, the coach operator, of Saltire Holdings last May has been cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. NE's acquisition of Saltire's subsidiary, Scottish Citylink Coaches, increased its share of services from 70 to 80 per cent but the MMC said passenger loadings had improved and losses decreased since the merger, increasing the prospects for maintaining the Scottish-London routes as a viable rail alternative.

House of Lords — Law Report February 18 1994 — Court of Appeal

Newspaper allowance taxable

Fitzpatrick v Inland Revenue Commissioners and related appeals (No 2)
Smith (Inspector of Taxes) v Abbott and related appeals

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches February 17]

Allowances paid to journalists by their employers to reimburse them *some of their expenditure on* purchasing newspapers and magazines were not deductible under section 189(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 in assessing their Schedule E emoluments.

The reading of such newspapers was not done "in the performance" of any of the duties of the journalists' employment: it was merely preparatory reading done to ensure that those duties were efficiently carried out.

In consolidated Scottish and English appeals, the House of Lords so held (Lord Browne-Wilkinson dissenting in the English appeal) affirming the dismissal by the First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (Lord President Hope and Lord Cullen, Lord McCluskey dissenting) of appeals by five *journalists working for the Evening Times* and the *Glasgow Herald*, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Rosemary Long, Cameron Simpson, Barclay McBain and James Traynor ([1992] STC 406) from determinations of the special commissioners; and allowing appeals by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Nolan) (*The Times* March 18, 1993; [1993] 1 WLR 1314) that had upheld the decision of Mr Justice Warner (*The Times* October 23, 1991; [1992] 1 WLR 201) and of the City of London General Commissioners in five cases of English journalists, employees of *Associated Newspapers Ltd*, Patrick Abbott, Kevin Holt, Brian Scovell, Terence Shuttleworth and Gary Woodhouse.

Section 189(1) of the 1970 Act (see now section 198(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988) provides: "If the holder of an office or employment is necessarily *obliged ... to expend money* wholly, exclusively and necessarily in the performance of the said duties, there may be deducted from the emoluments to be assessed the expenses so necessarily incurred and defrayed."

The journalists received from their employers an allowance as reimbursement of some of the expenditure incurred by them on purchasing newspapers and magazines. They were assessed for various years to Schedule E income tax on their emoluments that included the sums so reimbursed. They all appealed, claiming that the allowance was deductible under Section 189 of the 1970 Act.

The special commissioners in *the Scottish cases dismissed the* appeals on the ground that the journalists read other papers merely to prepare themselves for the duties of their employment so that the reading was not "in the performance of" those duties.

In the cases of the English journalists the general commissioners, except in the case of the case of Patrick Abbott, allowed the appeals determining that the reading of other publications was to be regarded as forming a necessary part of the daily performance of the duties of their employments.

Scottish cases: Mr Peter Whiteman, QC, Miss Marion Simmons and Mr Robert Anderson for the journalists; Mr G. N. H. Emslie, QC (of the Scots Bar) and Mr P. S. Hodge and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

English cases: Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown; Mr Peter Whiteman, QC and Miss Marion Simmons for the journalists.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the special commissioners and the general commissioners could not both be right. The facts in the Scottish and English cases were indistinguishable.

The deductibility of the expenses of purchasing newspapers by thousands of journalists could not *vary according to differing views* of different commissioners. The question in each case was whether when a journalist read newspapers he was performing the duties of his employment.

In *Simpson v Tate* ([1925] 2 KB 214) Mr Justice Rowlatt disallowed a claim by a medical officer of health in respect of subscriptions to certain medical societies holding that "he incurs these expenses in qualifying himself for continuing to hold his office".

Similarly in the present cases a journalist did not purchase and read newspapers in the performance of his duties but for the purpose of ensuring that he would carry out his duties efficiently.

It did not matter whether the journalist was contractually bound to his employers to expend money in the purchase of other newspapers or whether he did so voluntarily. His duty was in the production of his employer's newspaper and he was not carrying out that duty when reading other *newspapers*.

The reasons for the strictness of the rule governing deductible expenses were not hard to find. If a journalist or other employee were allowed to deduct expenses incurred by him in his spare time on improving his usefulness to his employer, the imposition of income tax would be distorted and the amount of the expenses claimed by an individual would depend entirely on his own choice. Moreover the principle of the decision did not apply only to journalists: the ramification of a decision in their favour would be enormous.

The Court of Appeal was content *to treat the conclusions of the* general commissioners as findings of fact, being powerfully influenced by the belief, naturally held and strongly expressed by the *journalists and supported by their* employers, that their reading of newspapers was necessary and was carried out in the performance of their duties.

But it was for the court to determine on the facts and evidence whether those beliefs were justified, having regard to the wording of section 189(1) and to the authorities. Questions involved in the present cases were mixed question of law and fact.

Before a journalist began his *daily work he had to form a view of* what he ought to be doing during the day. But he was not performing his duties when he prepared for work and there were a variety of ways in which he might choose to prepare and inform himself. He was free to choose his preparatory studies.

It was said that some journalists best obtained ideas and kept up to date by wining and dining.

The journalists here chose to spend several hours every day reading a formidable mass of repetitive newsprint dealing with the events of yesterday. They were not, in the course of that reading, engaged *in the performance of the* duties for which they were paid.

In all the cases there was but one question of law, namely whether on the facts and true construction of section 189 the journalist incurred expense "in the performance" of his duties when he selected, purchased and read newspapers and periodicals in his own time.

If either set of commissioners had failed to answer that question of law correctly, the error of law had to be corrected by the courts who were entitled and bound to correct errors of law. The Scottish commissioners had reached the right conclusion of law and the English commissioners had not.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON, dissenting, said that in the real world the answer to the question whether the expenditure incurred by journalists in buying newspapers was deductible could not differ as between any two or more journalists doing essentially the same job.

Accordingly, in an ideal world, the conflicting decisions in the Scottish and English cases ought to be capable of resolve by the courts. But the courts were not operating in the real world. To give a definitive answer to the question it was necessary to know the "true" facts.

The two sets of commissioners, the sole arbiters of the facts, had reached different, and in one important respect conflicting, findings of fact. The courts' only function was to decide whether or not on the facts found in each case *the decision of the commissioners* in that case was in law correct.

If, as in these cases, on the evidence the commissioners had made differing findings of fact it might be necessary to hold that their conclusions in each set of appeals, although conflicting, were right in law. It was not legitimate in seeking to reach a commonsense outcome to disregard or alter the finding of fact made by the commissioners or to characterise as a question of law what was in reality a question of fact.

In neither of the cases had the appellants submitted that there was any error of law on the fact of the cases stated. The sole question therefore was whether "the facts found are such that no person acting judicially and properly instructed as to the relevant law could have come to the determination under appeal" or whether on the facts found, "the true and only reasonable conclusion contradicts the determination": *per* Lord Radcliffe in *Edwards v Bairstow* ([1956] AC 14, 35-6).

In the English cases the commissioners made an express finding that the reading of newspapers was "a necessary part of the duties" and that it "was not merely required to qualify or maintain the qualification of the [journalist] to do the work".

That was a clear finding of fact that daily reading before arrival at the office was a necessary part of the daily doing of the job. In the cases of the English journalists the commissioners could without any error of law reach the determination that the expenditure was deductible.

Lord Keith, Lord Jauncey and Lord Mustill delivered speeches concurring with Lord Templeman.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Berwin Leighton.

Reinstating struck-out action

Rastin v British Steel plc
Todd v Evans
Adams v Geest plc
Byrne v Webber and Another
Donaldson v Canavan
Ayres v British Steel plc

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice *Beldam and Lord Justice Saville*

[Judgment February 17]

The county court had jurisdiction to reinstate an action which had *been automatically struck out* under Order 17, rule 11(9) of the County Court Rules 1981 on the plaintiff's failure to request the fixing of a hearing day.

However, the court, giving effect to the intended draconian nature of the rule, would not exercise its discretion in favour of reinstatement unless the plaintiff was able to show as a threshold requirement, that he had, apart from that non-compliance, overall conducted his case with reasonable diligence.

Only if he discharged that burden would the court consider the interests of justice, including any prejudice to the defendant, in a more general way.

The Court of Appeal so stated determining appeals in six cases in which plaintiffs' actions had been automatically struck out for failure *to request a hearing day in breach* of Order 17, rule 11(3)(d).

Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Paul Downes for British Steel; Mr Brian Leveson, QC and Mr Gerwyn Samuel for Mr Rastin, Mr Anthony Coleman for Mr Todd: Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Michael Pooles for Mr Evans, Mr Quintin Tudor-Evans for Geest; Mr John Beggs for Mr Adams, Mr Alexander Dawson for Mrs Byrne; Mr Christopher J. Russell for Mr Webber, Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Michael Soole for Mr Canavan; Mr John A. Wilson for Mr Donaldson, Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Paul Downes for British Steel; Mr John Cherry, QC and Mr Matthias Kelly for Mr Ayres.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, set out Order 17, rule 11(3)(d), (4) and (9) and said that a plaintiff had six months from the close of pleadings (see rule 11(11)(a)) to request *a hearing date, and the* application was automatically struck out if a plaintiff did not do so within nine months of the expiry of that period or of any such other period as the court might have fixed.

In the present appeals, the plaintiffs had relied in particular on Order 13, rule 4 of the County Court Rules 1981 which empowered the court (1) "except as otherwise provided" to extend the *period within which any act in in* the proceedings was required to be done, and (2) to grant an application although made retrospectively for such extension.

They had submitted that Order 17, rule 11(9) did not "otherwise provide", contrasting that provision with Order 9, rule 10, which contained a rider that no enlargement of the time limit there specified should be granted under Order 13, rule 4. No such rider was found in the rule under consideration.

More generally the plaintiffs had relied on *Lewis v Wolking Properties Ltd* ([1978] 1 WLR 403); *Samuels v Linzi Dresses Ltd* ([1981] QB 115); *Robert Baxendale Ltd v Davstone (Holdings) Ltd* ([1982] 1 WLR 1385); *Leal v Dunlop Bio-Processes International Ltd* ([1984] 1 WLR 874) and *Ward-Lee v Lineham* ([1993] 1 WLR 754).

The defendants had argued that automatic striking out under Order 17, rule 11(9) amounted to a deemed dismissal for want of prosecution. The action was then dead and there was no jurisdiction to revive it. Particular attention was drawn to the fact that striking out was a result which under the rules was to follow automatically *and not as result of judicial order.*

Attention was drawn to *The Civil Justice Review* (Cmnd 394 (1988) chapter 4 paragraphs 220-228) and to the recommendation that the courts should be actively involved in monitoring the progress of actions.

It was pointed out that Order 17, rule 11 contained *no express provision*, as in Order 21, rule 1(3), that the court might restore proceedings which had been struck out on application or of its own motion. *The time limits* which had been laid down were generous, with provision under rule 11(4) for an extension but once the action had been automatically struck out that result had to be intended to be final.

The court rejected that argument for the following reasons:

(a) The authorities established that the court's general power under Order 37, rule 4 would not be treated as excluded unless excluded expressly. There was here no express exclusion;

(b) The contrast with Order 9, rule 10 was persuasive. That was a very clear exclusion of Order 13, rule 4. The court attached less significance to Order 21, rule 1(3), which might exist to make clear that the court could act of its own motion;

(c) While *The Civil Justice Review* might have envisaged an automatic and final striking out at a certain stage, it also envisaged *that a plaintiff would be given* express notice before that occurred. Order 17, rule 11 provided for no such notice: it seemed unlikely that the draftsman intended to provide an irrevocable penalty without also providing that important safeguard;

(d) Hard cases were bound to arise where the plaintiff, otherwise largely blameless, failed, perhaps through accident or mischance to comply with the rule. It could not have been intended to deprive the court of all power to give a remedy in appropriate cases.

The county court accordingly did have jurisdiction under Order 13, rule 4 retrospectively to extend time for requesting a hearing date following an automatic striking out of the action under Order 17, rule 11.

The exercise of discretion

The proper approach to the exercise of any judicial discretion had to be governed by the legal context in which it arose. In the present context the following matters were relevant:

(a) Delay had long been recognised as the enemy of justice: Order 17, rule 11(9) was the latest in a long series of measures aimed to curb delay and promote the expeditious trial of cases;

(b) Traditionally it had been assumed that a plaintiff's advisers could be relied on to serve his interests by driving his case forward to trial. Experience had shown that to be an unreliable assumption. Order 17, rule 11 recognised that protection of the public interest in the expeditious trial of cases could not be left exclusively to the plaintiff's advisers. Either a hearing date had to be requested within six months of the close of pleadings or the court itself had to grant, and control the period of, any deferment. Plainly the court was intended to control the timetable of the plaintiff for whatever reason sought to delay trial. Automatic striking out after 15 months was the sanction;

(c) The duty to request the fixing of the hearing date under Order 17, rule 11(3)(d) lay squarely on a plaintiff: no corresponding duty lay on a defendant. In substance both that paragraph and rule 11(9) were aimed at plaintiffs and their advisers and the object was to ensure that they did not sleep on their oars.

(d) The *time limits* provided were generous; failure to act within them would not ordinarily be explicable or excusable by sudden forgetfulness, temporary indisposition, pressure of work or the vagaries of the post;

(e) In contrast with the situation where a defendant applied to dismiss an *action for want of* prosecution, it was plainly incumbent on a plaintiff seeking a retrospective extension of time to persuade the court that its discretion should be exercised in his favour;

(f) In the present appeals, all personal injury cases, the limitation period had expired when the action was automatically struck out. In cases where that was so the consequences of a refusal by the court to exercise its jurisdiction in the plaintiff's favour were likely to be more serious, at least to those acting for him.

The court thus rejected the submission that the discretion here should be exercised on principles similar to those which obtained where a party sought an extension of time to cure a procedural default in the ordinary course of an action: see *Costellow v Somerset County Council* ([1993] 1 WLR 256).

That submission gave quite inadequate weight to the fact that the action had been struck out: to accede to it would deprive rule 11(9) of its intended draconian effect.

The court also rejected the submission that retrospective applications to extend time after automatic striking out should be treated as the obverse of applications for dismissal for want of prosecution, with particular attention paid to any prejudice suffered by the defendant.

The court would not readily extend the application of the rules laid down in *Allen v Sir Alfred McAlpine & Sons Ltd* ([1968] 2 QB 229) and *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297) into the present new field.

A retrospective application to extend time should not succeed unless the plaintiff, and his advisers, could show that he had, save in his failure to comply with rule 11(3)(d) and (4) prosecuted his case with at least reasonable diligence. *That did not mean that there was* no room to criticise any aspect of his conduct of the case, but that overall he was innocent of any significant failure to conduct the case with expedition.

His failure to comply with the rule could never be justifiable but he had in all the circumstances to persuade the court that it was excusable. If he could show that an extension of time would, if sought prospectively, in all probability have been granted, that would help him; and the more technical his failure the more readily would it be excused.

If, but only if, the plaintiff could discharge those burdens should the court consider the interests of justice, the positions of the parties and the balance of hardship in a more general way.

If it appeared that *the defendant* might suffer prejudice if the action were reinstated which he would not have suffered if the plaintiff had complied with the rule; that would always be a powerful and usually a conclusive reason for not exercising discretion in the plaintiff's favour.

The *absence of prejudice* was not, however, a potent reason for exercising discretion in the plaintiff's favour.

At that stage, but not before, it was relevant to consider matters such as the availability of an alternative remedy to the plaintiff if the action were not reinstated, *the expiry of the limitation period* and any admission of liability or payment into court that there might have been.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	349	Abbey Nat	519	-7	11.8	2.9	20.0
314	170	Allied Irish	281	...	...	3.7	14.3
278½	130	ANZ New Z	266½	-4½	...	3.4	21.0
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2925	+6¼	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	285	...	...	4.4	21.0
450	329	Bk Leumi UK	450	+55	17.0	4.7	...
247	110½	Bank Scotland	228	-3	4.6	2.6	31.0
652	362	Barclays	585	+2	...	2.7	...
30	8	Carlisle	29 †	+½	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	653	+3	28.0	5.4	...
180	85	Cattles	162	-2	...	3.5	21.6
2487½	1547½	Chase Manh	2303	...	...	...	...
2912½	1349½	Citicorp	2787½	+37½	...	...	...
569	250	Close Bros	535	...	...	2.6	19.5
£153½	9171½	Commerzbk	£144½	+350	...	2.7	...
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£332½	+678½	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	89 †	...	...	2.1	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1416½	-6½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	503	-2	21.5	5.3	13.4
1113	490	HSBC	1019	+27	20.0	2.5	24.4
1133	474	HSBC HK	1040	+29	20.0	2.4	24.9
473	243	Hambros	430	-13	14.3	4.3	19.9
443	313	Joseph (L)	438	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	632	-20	18.5	3.7	...
690	492	Lloyds	602 †	-9	...	4.6	12.7
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	114 †	...	3.4	3.7	10.3
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	583½	-9	...	4.1	14.2
634	398	Nat West	551	-8	17.8	4.0	33.5
573	270	Provident	527	...	12.4	3.0	22.8
67	39	Rea Bros	66	+2	0.5	1.0	70.2
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	493 †	-5	...	2.8	22.3
1460	467½	Schroders	1345	-13	...	1.1	26.8
1437	576	Stand Chart	1285	...	20.5	2.0	...
291	145½	TSB	250 †	-1	...	3.8	17.1
205	78	Union Disc	205	+1	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	945	-8	...	2.6	13.8
9262½	4843½	Wells Fargo	8981½	+168½	...	3.0	...
260	121	Westpac	249	-3	...	2.2	∞
390	188	Wintrust	383	...	...	3.2	33.9

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	627 †	...	...	4.3	17.4
647	441	Bass	518	+2	...	4.8	13.8
299	189	Boddington	279	-1	7.5	3.4	16.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	457 †	-2	...	2.8	18.3
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	174 †	...	4.7	3.4	14.5
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'♠	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63	+½	...	4.6	74.1
492	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♠	490	-2	7.5	1.9	20.6
506	373	Grand Met	464 †	+2	...	3.5	20.2
511	347	Greenalls Grp	460 †	...	...	3.4	15.8
584	505	Greene King	547	...	...	2.8	15.3
542	388	Guinness	532	+3	...	2.8	19.9
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	71 †	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hansn	261 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree♠	150 †	...	3.6	3.0	∞
457	255	Highland Distl	424	-5	...	1.9	21.1
3225	2338	Holt J	3175	...	42.0	1.7	20.7
186	118	Macallan-Glen	151	...	4.3	3.6	33.9
465	365	Marstn Marstn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.3	15.5
302	231	Mrstn Thmp	296	...	...	2.3	16.5
595	288½	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	210	Mrydwn W	213	...	7.0	4.1	19.0
580	455	Morland	513	+3	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount♠	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
267	145	Regent Inns	267	+5	...	2.1	27.1
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1271½	+6½	...	2.2	21.0
591	393	Scot & New	532	+1	...	4.0	16.3
225	155½	Taunton Cider	171 †	...	6.2	4.6	13.3
306	213	Vaux Group	285 †	...	...	4.2	18.3
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	397	...	...	1.7	30.8
617	435	Whitbread	561	+3½	...	4.0	13.5
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	544	-1	...	2.9	15.3
528	475	Young 'A'	528	+3	14.7	3.5	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	205	...	...	1.2	33.7
27	12	Albrighton♠	25	-1	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen♠	196	...	...	3.2	44.4
160	65	Amec	157	+1	3.0	2.4	29.0
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12 #	...	...	...	...
421	190	Ashtead♠	421	+3	...	1.3	44.5
165	101	Atwoods	164	...	...	3.8	...
363	180	BPB Ind	350	+1	...	2.7	41.9
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124	+1	...	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.9	...
108	68	Barcum	81	-12	...	4.6	9.7
57	32½	Barlon	57	+1	2.0	4.4	28.1
292	94	Barratt Devs	286	-2	...	1.7	30.7
304	152½	Bellway	283	+2	...	2.7	26.6
59	15	Bellwinch	58	...	...	...	...
243	98	Berisford Intl	239 †	+1	...	...	...
573	295½	Berkeley Gp	571	+1	...	1.4	30.8
153	45	Bett Bros	151	...	...	1.7	19.5
93	36	Blockleys	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
391	189	Blue Circle	372	+6	...	3.8	...
353	230	Boot (Henry)	340	+4	6.0	2.2	19.0
117	78	Breedon PLC	114	...	4.6	5.0	28.0
151	82	Br Dredging	151	+7	5.2	4.3	33.5
98	45	Bris Fittings	91	-2	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	188 †	...	...	3.2	28.6
146	53	CALA	143	+2	...	2.0	...
390	200	CRH	384	+1	...	2.2	21.1
88	18	Cakebread Rby	68	+2	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	39½	-½	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	175	...	...	3.0	∞
118	35½	Crest Nicholson	115 †	+3	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	135	...	...	0.9	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	0.3	1.7	...
300	178	Epwin	300	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
82	32	Erith	75	...	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group♠	458 †	...	...	2.8	17.3
245	97	Freeman Gp♠	243	-1	6.0	3.1	38.0
60	38	Galliford	59	...	...	2.1	...
94	52	Gibbs & Dandy	94	+2	...	2.7	...
1025	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1020	...	...	1.6	17.7
184	75	Headen-Smart	162	-1	...	2.1	34.7
51	28	Hewetson	51	...	...	3.1	37.3
473	173	Heywd Wlm	446	-3	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	139	+4½	2.5	2.2	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
32	15	Howard Hldgs	31	+½	0.5	2.0	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	411	+1	9.0	2.7	16.4
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	159½	...	...	5.1	...
145	55	Ln Clydesdale♠	145 †	+5	...	4.1	28.5
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	158	+2	...	...	71.7
405	240	Manders	380	...	9.3	3.0	23.8
217½	93	Marley	195	-1	4.2	2.7	57.2
155	61	Marshalls	141 †	...	...	3.5	...
255	122	Maunders (J)	253	+3	...	2.5	24.4
329	96	McAlpine (A)	329	+35	6.5	2.5	∞
82½	23	McCarthy & S	75	...	0.5	0.8	...
569	272	Meyer Int	547	+1	...	2.3	54.8
199	62	Mowlem (J)	189	+4	4.0	2.6	...
196	51	NSM	191	-1	...	...	...
53	41	Needler ♠	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
196	106	Newman Tnks	179	-2	...	4.7	23.9
382	197	Persimmon	374	...	8.6	2.9	38.2
26	9	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
1790½	1237½	Pochins	1790½	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prestwing	192	...	3.4	2.2	...
1070	595	RMC Gp	986	+6	...	3.2	32.0
117	79½	Raine Ind	107	+1	...	3.5	25.3
36	18	Rannus♠	35	+1	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	601	+1	25.0	5.2	35.0
86	64	Roskel	75	...	4.3	7.2	11.1
371	207	Rugby Group	358	-3	8.4	2.4	25.7
68	23	Swdi-Rvea	58	...	...	0.5	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	179	...	...	2.8	31.1
288	86½	Sheffield Insl	276	-2	...	2.4	69.7
268	82	Sheriff Hldgs♠	258	...	...	1.8	24.6
170	66	Shorco♠	130	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	245	...	...	4.3	18.5
6½	1½	Starmin	4½	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	191	-3	5.5	3.6	...
248	131	Tay Homes	248	...	...	2.9	30.6
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	180	+2	1.0	0.7	...
760	433	Tilbury Dougls	760	...	33.0	5.4	24.7
60	19	Torex Hire♠	54 †	...	...	1.4	...
370	188	Travis Perkins	341	+1	8.0	2.9	100.0
39½	5½	Trencherwood	29	...	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	40	-1	1.0	3.1	11.3
28	21	Tudor♠	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
113	41	Vibroplant	112	...	2.5	2.8	40.3
74	20	Ward Hldgs	67	-3	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	465	...	...	3.2	20.1
225½	90	Westbury	222	+7	5.0	2.8	34.6
7	3	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	562	...	...	2.0	39.6
259	147	Wilson (C)	239	...	3.9	2.1	41.4
249	104	Wimpey G	232	-3	...	2.6	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	730	+2	...	...	...
403	198	Adam & Harvey	398	-2	13.0	4.1	7.3
92	56	Air London♠	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
59	37	African Lakes	59	+7	2.0	4.2	...
178	93	Apta Sec	135½	-½	...	5.6	24.3
162	84	BET Ord	146	-1	...	1.9	5.9
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
186	154	BSM	186	...	...	3.9	16.3
285	195	Barbour Index	219	-1	8.1	4.7	14.7
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	205	...	4.7	2.9	14.9
29	11	Broadcastle♠	29	...	...	1.3	23.1
76	48	Brooks Service	75	...	...	0.8	...
114	86	CRT Gp	114	+4	...	3.2	20.4
240	139½	Capita Group	217	-3	...	1.3	33.9
59	31	Casket Plc	56½	...	...	2.0	21.7
55	13½	Chiltern Capital	25½	...	...	...	...
84	26	Christie	84	...	...	...	...
423	228	Chubb Sec	394	-2	...	1.7	24.5
132	90	Comac	115	...	...	1.6	30.0
48	6½	Corp Services	47	...	...	...	...
96	20	Coutts Conslig	96	+2	...	...	...
179	50	Dart	158	...	3.3	2.6	21.6
276	198	Davis Service	267	...	...	3.7	20.1
152	85	EW Fact♠	151	...	4.4	3.7	17.5
34	11	Gardiner	30½	...	0.7	3.0	∞
334	215	Hays	319	+4	...	2.1	27.8
289	174	Hogg Robinsn	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	34	Holmes Protectn	34	...	...	...	2.1
365½	127	Hunting Whamp	321	+16½	...	1.5	26.6
2696½	975	ISS B DKr	2696½	+6½	...	0.8	18.6
637	475	Inchcape	570	+1	...	3.1	18.8
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
12	2½	Lep	7½	...	...	...	...
382	173	Mute Gp	362	...	4.0	1.4	24.9
1234½	893½	Manpower	1218½	+25	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77½	+½	1.8	2.9	32.9
279	108	Penna♠	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
5½	2	Prime People♠	4	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	81	...	...	23.1	4.5
423	352	RCO	400	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	43	Reed Executive	125	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secs	131 †	...	...	4.5	34.4
279	178	Rentokil	265	...	2.5	1.2	33.1
368	220	Rolfe & Nolan	363	...	...	2.6	24.9
390	287	Salvesen (C)	290	...	...	3.4	19.2
58	26	Scot Pickford♠	56	...	0.8	1.8	17.8
17½	5	Select Appt♠	13½	...	...	...	...
1338	695	Serco Gp	1333	...	13.3	1.2	36.9
352	83	Shield Ctrps♠	93	...	...	8.7	2.6
130	90	Stanchley	116	...	...	3.2	26.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	337	...	6.6	2.5	17.6
45	27	Welpac	30	...	...	...	...
30	14	Wills Gp	30	...	...	1.7	21.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	220	Allied Colloids	277 †	...	...	2.0	25.5
1063	613	Amersham	1063	+8	...	1.6	30.6
3	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	8325	BASF DM	£118½	1½	...	5.3	...
373	199	BTP	347	+1	...	3.4	27.0
£144½	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£144½	+290	...	3.6	...
183	105	Blagden	183	+9	6.5	4.4	19.7
166	93	Brent Chems	125	...	...	7.5	11.3
530	343	Br Bio-Tech	385	...	...	...	...
39	5	Cairn Gp	12½	-½	...	...	34.0
199	126	Canning (W)	179	...	7.2	5.1	20.5
475	388	Cantab Pharms	439	...	...	...	...
808	421	Courtaulds	503	-7	...	3.5	12.6
376	228	Croda	369	+5	...	2.7	21.2
149	105	Doeflex	132	...	4.6	4.4	10.1
282	175	Ellis & Everard	278 †	...	...	3.3	23.3
45	19½	Euro Chem	38½	...	0.8	2.0	18.6
351	259	Halstead (J)	348	...	...	2.1	17.1
241	150	Hickson	196	+2	...	5.1	18.2
£125½	8625	Hoechst	£125½	+107½	...	3.0	...
229	152	Holliday Chem	198	...	...	2.3	18.2
853	608	ICI	789	-3	...	3.0	...
841	576	Laporte	659	+2	19.9	4.4	22.9
248	182	Leigh	217	...	...	4.5	19.1
67½	35	MTM	66	...	...	...	...
2305½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2290½	-18½	...	1.2	32.9
608	370	Pateson Zoch	594	+1	...	2.7	19.7
595	380	-do- 'A'	595	+2	...	2.8	18.7
306	193	Plysu	249	...	...	3.5	21.2
308	173	Porvair	283	...	3.8	1.6	31.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
625	395	Wolstnholme R	625	...	17.0	3.4	21.4
483	330	Yorks Chem	481	...	...	2.0	25.8
312	233	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	19.1
869	593	Zeneca	797	+7	...	4.3	47.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	76	...	...	4.9	...
248	173	Allders	233	+1	...	3.3	17.4
410	257	Argos Plc	369	...	...	2.4	31.5
25	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	341	...	5.2	1.9	22.0
199	64	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Bentalls	147	...	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	159	+8	...	1.7	19.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	133	Body Shop	249	...	...	0.9	32.1
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	1.0	3.0
491	318	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.9	28.8
87½	54	Burton	54 †	-½	...	4.6	...
245	126	Cantors	236	...	...	2.1	32.7
520	295	Church	445	...	12.5	3.5	39.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	19.4
287	212	Coats Viyella	270	+1	...	3.5	27.3
120	78	Colourvision♠	91 †	...	5.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	Ctry Casuals	166	+1	...	3.1	15.4
985	374	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
180	115	Crown Eyes♠	180	+10	7.5	5.2	12.3
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	120½	+1	...	3.0	17.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	109	...	0.8	0.9	35.0
283	189	Dixons Grp	212 †	-3½	...	3.7	...
21	8	EBA Gp	9	+½	...	...	73.8
580	400	Elys (Wmbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
274	71	Essex Furn	274	...	...	1.6	43.8
373	200	Etam	250	-4	7.0	3.8	22.9
608	499	Fine Art Dev	517	-2	13.0	3.2	16.8
70	26	Finrd Barth Tiles	49	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conn♠	149	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	86	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	612 †	+3	...	2.4	18.9
40	21	Hampden Grp♠	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Hartstone	75	-3	...	...	...
39½	20	Helene Plc	29½	+½	2.0	8.5	13.9
110	29	Heritage♠	92	...	...	...	...
87	35	Honeysuckle♠	86	...	...	3.3	12.6
271	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	2.3	14.8
783	496	Kingfisher	626	-8	...	2.8	21.5
88	67½	Leslie Wise Gp	86	-1	4.0	6.0	∞
685	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	65.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	359	+12	...	2.5	12.6
184	120	MFI	177 †	-2	...	2.7	...
461½	311	Marks Spencer	434	+1½	...	2.4	22.2
680	445	Menzies (John)	669	-1	...	2.1	17.4
288	135	Moss Bros	287	...	5.5	2.4	33.7
251	139½	Next	225	-1	3.5	1.9	26.9
46	15	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	310 †	-5	...	4.0	15.2
63	24	Pentos	37½	+1½	0.8	2.7	7.8
313	185	QS Hldgs	268	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
60½	20½	Rhino Grp♠	41	...	...	...	...
205	130	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	135	Sherwood Gp	173	...	...	1.9	15.6
132	98	Sears	122	+1	...	3.6	49.1
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	-½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	494 †	-3½	...	3.8	15.9
127	83	-do- B	116½	...	...	3.2	18.8
21	4½	Specialeyes♠	12	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	237	...	...	2.6	23.4
198	146	T & S Stores	180	...	6.0	4.2	13.4
173	71	Tie Rack	160	...	1.0	0.8	26.2
285	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
131	83	Usher (Frank)♠	125	...	6.0	6.0	10.8
465	302	Vendome	436	...	...	1.8	20.3
45	27	Vivat	37	+1	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	59	...	...	2.9	43.5
49	34	Wensum♠	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	121	...	1.0	1.0	∞
80	45	Wld of Leather♠	80	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2	Xtra-vision♠	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	183	...	...	3.4	18.4
275	223	Acal♠	265	...	...	3.0	19.1
493	385	Admiral	492	...	5.7	1.4	20.8
188	104	Alba	186	...	...	3.3	21.0
50	19½	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	36½	-2½	...	1.7	...
128	61	App Holo♠	95	...	...	...	...
45	9½	Arden	36	...	...	...	...
94½	35½	Ashtec	94½	...	...	0.3	...
271	230	Azlan	266	...	...	1.4	31.7
283	224	Beales Hunter	277 †	-1	...	4.3	17.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	3½	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	460	+5	19.2	5.2	...
558	408	Bick	530	...	...	2.4	19.3
1700	925	Borland♠	937½	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	364	-2	...	2.4	24.1
489½	378	BT	454½	-1½	...	4.4	22.0
372½	310	BT P/P	335	-2½	...	4.4	21.5
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	...	...	0.1	0.7
160	48	Burnfield	72	...	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	482 †	-1	...	2.0	25.2
33	11½	Chloride	33	+½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro♠	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
137	74	Comptr People	135	...	...	...	...
282	108½	Cray Elect	196½	...	...	1.1	19.1
447	243	Critchley	443	-1	...	1.4	25.5
560	414	Delta	535	+2	...	3.3	22.3
598	205	Denmans El♠	578 †	...	...	1.4	18.6
600	395	Domino	510 †	...	7.9	1.9	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1633	865	Druck♠	1633 †	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	358	Electrocomponts	534	-5	...	2.0	30.1
710	470	El Data Prc	575	...	...	1.2	16.3
165	43	Electron House	162 †	+2	...	2.1	23.2
35	10½	Emess	32	...	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	749 †	...	...	1.6	25.5
211	108	FKI	193	-½	...	2.1	28.6
656	340	Farnell Elect	597	...	...	1.4	31.6
91	33	Feedback♠	64½	-4½	...	3.9	8.7
336	101	First Tech	329 †	...	...	0.8	22.1
270	81	Forward Gp♠	235	+5	4.0	2.1	16.6
22½	13½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	344 †	-2	10.4	3.8	17.2
199	132	Gooding	185	...	...	7.4	38.9
17	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
52	35	HiGrace♠	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	118	Ind Control	181	...	...	3.0	18.2
388	320	Jones Stroud	369 †	+1	...	3.0	14.8
126	26	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	28.0
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
396	260	Kenwood App	388 †	...	...	2.5	21.8
499	47	Kewill Sys♠	285	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	16	Laser-Scan♠	28	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS♠	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	293	...	9.8	3.8	...
179	129	Life Sciences	156	...	3.7	3.0	16.9
314	164	Logica	308	-1	...	1.6	35.5
65	44	LPA Ind♠	47 †	...	...	6.5	...
220	162	MR Data Mngmt	214	...	...	3.0	20.1
723	523	Macro 4	715	-3	...	3.1	21.7
282	175½	Memfor-SW♠	232	...	...	2.1	20.1
3013	903	Micro Focus	1003	+13	...	...	9.2
222	144	Microgen	168 †	...	7.3	5.4	∞
38	23½	Microvitec♠	35	...	...	...	...
559	357	Misys	556 †	...	...	1.7	20.3
254	98	Mitel	198	-9	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Comp♠	161	...	...	3.1	21.9
50	16	Molynx	23	...	...	1.3	71.1
272	202	MTL Inst♠	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
145	103	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	23.6
156	58	Murray Ern	142 ↓	-1	...	1.8	∞
3200½	2540½	NYNEX	2543½	+3½	...	...	...
188	121	Neotronics	121 †	...	...	3.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
359	58	Norbain♠	338	...	...	0.6	26.0
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
15½	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
357	195	Oxford Inst	357 †	...	...	1.6	26.6
87	29	P & P	85	+1	2.0	3.1	∞
98	55	Peek	98	+1	3.4	4.4	25.1
235	115	Pegasus♠	230	...	...	3.5	59.0
£104½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1678½	725	-do- Lrsp nv	1668½	+6½	...	...	...
417	211	Phonelink♠	417	+2	...	...	...
330	171½	Pifco	330	...	...	1.6	27.7
320	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	320	...	...	1.6	26.8
96	63	Plasmec♠	70	...	3.0	5.4	5.9
121	76	Pressac	120	...	...	2.7	25.4
261	81	Psion♠	256	-2	2.5	1.2	68.0
261	147	Racal Elect	222	...	4.2	2.4	13.2
70	33	Radamec	48	-2	...	3.9	10.3
70	24	Radius♠	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
114	61	Real Time ♠	108	...	...	3.5	22.2
629	367	Sage Gp	568 †	...	...	2.2	17.4
350	222	Sanderson Elec	350	...	9.9	3.5	14.9
89	49	Scantronic	87	...	3.1	4.6	23.8
210	117	Schules Grp	208	...	...	3.0	26.9
375	270	Sema Gp	361	...	2.9	1.0	28.3
275	235	Servomex	265	...	5.9	2.8	20.0
48	26	Silverlines	45	...	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks♠	87	...	2.4	3.5	∞
2721½	1737½	TDK	2656½	-6½	...	1.2	30.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits♠	15	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	142	-1	0.8	0.7	23.4
292	178	Telspec	283	...	...	1.1	35.6
1153	809	THORN EMI	1130 †	-1	...	3.5	26.2
166	96	Thorpe FW	165	+3	...	2.0	19.1
103	23	Total Systems♠	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	298	...	...	1.5	∞
324	164	Unitech	316	...	...	2.5	53.4
16	6	Verity	14	-1	...	...	...
35	22	Vista♠	29	+½	0.3	1.6	17.1
637	367	Vodafone	631	+8	...	1.5	22.4
483	368	Volex	473	...	18.1	4.8	19.4
26	11	Western Selectn	23 †	...	0.2	1.4	...
315	223	Wholesale Ftgs	310	...	11.7	4.8	52.6

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
777	389	East Midlands	671 †	+4	...	3.8	11.9
725½	390	Eastern Elect	683 †	+8	...	3.7	13.2
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	436½	+4½	...	3.4	15.3
733½	404	London Elect	680	+7	...	3.8	12.8
850	458	Manweb	787 †	+9	...	3.5	9.8
767	424½	Midlands Elec	685 †	...	...	3.9	10.8
510	273	National Power	499	...	...	2.8	12.4
801	440	Northern Elec	730 †	+10	...	3.9	9.5
381	100	Nthn Ireland	300 †	+7	...	3.0	14.1
806	459	Norweb	745 †	+2	20.8	3.5	10.7
577	273	PowerGen	574	+6	...	2.4	15.1
497	285	Scottish Power	448 †	+3	...	3.2	16.6
435	218	Seeboard	377 ↓	-4	...	3.4	11.8
825	469	Sth Wales	755 †	+4	...	3.8	11.6
743	426	Sth Western	686 †	+4	...	3.8	10.1
745½	406	Southern Elec	686 †	...	...	3.8	9.1
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	667 †	+1	...	4.0	12.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD♠	157	...	3.4	2.7	24.5
118	26	Bahle Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
757	433	Caledonia	735	...	...	2.6	27.3
2025	1075	Camellia	2025	...	...	1.9	7.6
363	243	Candover	350	-3	10.4	3.7	...
229	166	Gartmore	215	...	...	2.3	26.6
465	155	Goven	463	-2	...	1.5	13.6
250	125	Ivory Sime	231	...	...	3.8	20.0
428	150	Johnson Fry	380	...	...	...	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting♠	240	...	8.7	4.5	17.5
87	47	Manakin	83	-1	...	...	...
27½	3½	Nat Home Loan	27½	...	...	...	0.5
56	40	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	246	Rathbone Brs	360	...	6.5	2.3	21.9
29½	17	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	3.8	15.7
400	253	S & U	376	+2	10.2	3.4	14.0
114	48	Singer & Fried	109	+1	...	3.4	...
1163	713	Sothebys	1133	...	...	1.4	...
188	113	SPP Capital	179	...	3.0	2.1	75.8
224	183	Towry Law	221	...	...	2.6	21.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2055½	-18½	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1160	+5	...	4.5	26.7
251½	92	Invesco	226	+2	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	298½	-12	...	2.6	12.5
323	154	MAI	295	-1	...	2.9	18.7
770	389	MAM	713	...	16.0	2.8	17.8
1263	833	M & G	1178	+3	...	2.7	24.7
496	109	Smith New Ct	466 †	-2	...	1.9	4.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	69 †	+1	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	554 †	-2	...	3.4	11.5
77½	46½	ASDA Group	58 †	-½	1.6	3.6	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	366	...	...	2.8	13.3
80	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	...	6.9	15.1
407	246	Argyll	283 †	+1	...	5.5	9.5
270	160	Banks (S C)	260 †	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
402	305	Barr (AG)	348 †	...	6.5	2.3	∞
86	56	Bensons Crisps♠	67	+2	...	3.3	15.1
481	357	Booker	451	-2	...	6.0	39.1
52	35	Borthwick	49	+1	...	3.1	60.9
505	430	Brake Bros	489	+1	6.3	1.6	20.4
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	528	+1	...	3.2	18.6
222	78	Carrs Milling	185	...	...	2.9	13.5
196	133	Cranswick	148	...	...	0.8	14.0
22	8½	Cullens	18½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	120 †	...	...	5.2	35.0
543	434	Dalgety	484	+1	...	5.4	13.9
61	27	Daniels S	61	+4	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	282	...	...	2.4	26.8
134	94	Everest	94	...	...	4.9	17.1
391	269	Farepak	384 †	...	3.9	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	8	+½	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.7	25.6
125	78	Fyffes	100 †	...	...	1.8	∞
483	256	Geest	285	-7	8.1	3.6	12.6
20½	7	Global♠	18	...	0.5	3.5	28.0
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	160	...	...	5.1	9.0
196½	131	Hillsdown	183	+4	8.8	6.0	14.4
250	146	Iceland Group	168	-1½	...	2.6	10.6
131	92	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	610	+7	...	3.8	11.0
282	144	Low (Wm)	172	...	...	6.1	6.0
96	41	Matthews (B)	95	...	2.3	3.1	62.2
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16 †	-½	0.9	7.4	32.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	107	...	...	1.0	13.9
246	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	235 †	-2	...	4.5	11.5
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fds♠	12	-1	...	...	...
220	172	Nurdin Peack	219	+4	...	3.6	12.1
310	205	Park Foods	306 †	+1	...	2.7	23.6
115	58	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
134	47	PizzaExpress	134	+1	...	0.5	28.3
9	1½	Regina Hlth♠	4	...	...	...	...
584	348	Sainsbury J	380	-4	...	3.4	13.3
86	35	Sentry Farm♠	85	...	1.5	2.2	15.2
225	90	Sims Food	121	...	...	6.7	23.3
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	445	+1	...	3.7	11.9
273	176	Tesco	232	-½	...	3.9	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	198	...	...	2.3	...
229	101	Trent♠	208	...	...	2.4	16.7
434½	300	Unigate	391	-2	...	5.2	12.8
437	326	Utd Biscuits	382	-5	...	5.4	21.8
24½	18½	Usborne	19	...	...	3.5	14.0
422	248	Watson & Phil	422	+8	...	4.2	17.7
59	30½	West Trust	46 †	...	...	7.3	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk Hs♠	26	...	...	...	...
94	77	City Centre Rest	91	...	1.5	2.2	22.0
285	170	Forte	259	...	...	3.6	20.3
215	148	Friendly Hotels	203	...	...	3.5	39.5
11½	5	Harmony Props♠	10½	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	156½	+½	...	4.1	12.7
222½	142	Ladbroke	207	...	11.1	6.7	17.7
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	102½	-2	...	3.3	25.5
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels Ir	29	...	...	4.3	...
1099½	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	...	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	90	...	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	44	...	...	25.0	2.7
636	455	AAH	514 †	...	...	4.3	17.1
185	123	ADM	182 †	...	...	5.2	22.3
136	88	APV	132½	-½	...	5.1	...
238	81	ASW	192	...	...	3.9	...
282	118	Adwest	200	...	...	4.5	19.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	...
311	249	Airsprung	310	-1	...	1.9	19.8
211	112	Alexdra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
16	6½	Allied Radio	11½	...	...	...	...
323	207½	Alumasc	323	+7	...	2.4	18.9
71	17	Alvis	69 †	+2	...	1.8	12.4
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp♠	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
107	75	Anagen	78	...	...	...	...
155	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1765	703	Antofagasta	1650	+75	...	1.2	30.5
62	37	Armour	59	+½	...	3.6	13.6
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	62.1
605	434	Avon Rubber	603 †	+6	...	3.4	21.2
300	168	Assoc Nursg♠	300 †	...	...	0.4	18.4
687½	488	Atlas Equip	518	+10	...	5.3	13.0
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	224	+4	...	4.2	19.0
122	28	BCP Group♠	122	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	42	+½	...	1.9	...
770	590	BOC	698	+3	...	4.2	27.5
86	50	BSG	85	+½	...	4.7	29.6
578	353	BSS Group	546	...	...	3.9	30.5
409½	318	BTR	378	-5	...	3.7	21.1
181	147	BWI	175	...	...	4.8	16.2
50	25½	Babcock	38½	+½	...	3.6	23.0
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
228	88	Baird (Wm)	258	-2	8.9	4.3	17.9
531½	400	Barlow	412½	+6½	...	7.9	7.5
81	42	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.3	32.3
28½	14	Bearing Power	23	-½	...	4.1	14.6
15	2½	Beaufort	3½	...	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)♠	35	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	-½	...	2.4	11.2
702	285	Bespak	389 †	-1	10.2	3.3	12.2
135	35	Bibby (J)	80	...	...	3.1	...
312	120	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.1	10.7
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea♠	29	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	9½	...	...	...	...
278	118½	Birkby	278	+13	...	1.7	14.5
45	29	Black Arrow	36	...	2.1	7.3	11.3
281	136	Black (Peter)	281	...	3.8	1.7	21.9
763	128	Bluebird Toys♠	733	...	4.5	0.8	22.3
329	230	Bodycote	324	+3	...	2.0	20.7
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	541	-2	...	3.2	21.4
61	39	Booth Inds	46	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	480	-4	...	3.1	20.1
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1621½	+37½	...	...	...
297	199	Bramall Inds♠	291 ↓	...	4.0	1.7	∞
20	12½	Brasway	18 †	...	...	3.5	...
331	204	Brammer	331	...	13.0	4.9	24.6
31	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
163	64	Bridon	158	...	...	3.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	...	3.9	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	55½	+½	...	6.1	13.6
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock♠	107	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	514	+3	...	2.5	18.4
149½	54	Br Steel	149½	+½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	163 †	-1	...	3.8	16.9
298	215	Br Vita	289	+5	7.3	3.2	17.8
18½	5½	Britton Grp	18	-½	...	1.2	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	879½	-5½	...	2.1	39.8
125	78	Bromsgrve Ind	116 †	-½	...	4.7	15.1
15	6½	Brooks Tool	14½	-½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	36	...	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	172 †	+1	6.0	4.4	∞
24	11½	Business Tech♠	15½	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	22	...	0.5	3.3	21.1
49	11	Campbell & Arm	46	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32	-1	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	254	Caradon	427	+4	...	2.6	34.5
215½	128	-do- pf	203½	+1	7.2	4.5	...
283	178	Carclo Eng	279 †	...	...	3.9	20.7
2887½	2125	Carnaud Mtl	2293½	-15½	...	2.7	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros♠	92 †	...	...	3.3	22.3
251½	158	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	61	...	...	...	...
250	213	Celltech	227	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	778	+1	...	3.5	11.9
360	220	Chemring	350	...	...	3.2	18.1
92	45	Chieftain Gp♠	60	+2	4.5	9.4	12.9
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
246	144	Christies Int	242	+1	...	0.8	60.1
80	34	Claybithe	67 †	...	...	4.7	...
150	35	Clayton Son	113	...	...	...	...
455	285	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
287	179	Community H	287	-3	...	3.0	19.6
289	186½	Concentric	280	...	...	2.8	21.6
310	120	Cook (Wm)	309	...	6.0	2.4	18.7
273	182	Cookson	264	+1	...	2.8	34.9
95	38	Copymore♠	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crowll Ptr 'A'	165	...	...	4.3	22.3
178	92	Cosalt	140	...	...	4.8	...
285	150	Creighton Nt♠	285	...	7.4	3.2	20.4
48	27	CrestaCare	40	+1	0.6	2.0	34.6
4075	2993½	Dana	3993½	-37½	...	...	...
388	78½	Danka Bs Sys	368	-6	...	0.5	35.0
206	183	David Brown	295	...	...	2.5	20.9
981	632	De La Rue	981	-15	...	2.4	23.6
41	16	Dinkie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.8
628	391	Diploma	604	-19	...	2.5	24.2
97	50	Dobson Park	95 †	...	...	4.9	21.6
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	130 †	...	5.0	4.8	23.9
97	57	-do- 'A'	93 †	...	5.0	6.7	17.1
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	438	+1	...	3.4	17.3
28	19	Ellief	22	...	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	50	...	...	...	...
3496½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3369½	-46½	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	88	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	513	...	...	4.9	29.9
146	111	Enviromed	138	-1	...	...	...
39½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3069½	+50	...	0.9	...
86	32	Eurocopy	77 †	...	...	2.8	22.7
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	4.3	1.7
778	400	Fairey Group	765	-4	10.7	1.7	23.6
141	47	Fenner	140	...	...	...	...
100	32	Ferraris Group	103	...	...	2.5	14.8
29	9	Ferrum	10	+1	1.4	17.5	7.0
86	28	Fife Indmar	66	...	...	5.3	...
251	102	Fisons	132	-1	...	8.2	12.2
60	29	Fitzwilton	53 †	-2	...	8.3	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.4	13.1
51	33	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.1	26.1
126	56	French (Thomas)	125 †	...	3.6	3.6	∞
264	162	Frost Group	253	...	...	2.2	32.8
88	70	GEI Intl	83	+2	...	3.7	...
615	434	GKN	562	+2	...	4.6	37.5
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	125	...	...	4.1	...
191	103	Gestetner	189	+1	3.0	2.0	∞
68	23	Gieves	62	...	...	...	44.9
801	509	Glaxo	697	+22	...	4.4	16.3
44½	16	Glenchewton	41	...	...	...	...
399½	245	Glynwed	368	...	11.8	4.0	34.7
182	66	Goode Durrant	182 †	...	...	3.7	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	178	...	5.5	3.0	30.9
594	341	Granada	593 †	+9	...	1.8	23.4
495	301	Great Sthrn♠	478	...	11.4	2.9	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernst)♠	81	...	...	10.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greenacre♠	13½	...	...	2.8	13.4
17	5	Guardian Grp♠	6 #	...	...	...	...
88	30½	Haden MacLn	79	...	...	3.2	28.5
102	44	Hadleigh Inds♠	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
320	115	Hall Eng	319	...	8.6	3.4	26.6
296	161	Halma	246	...	...	1.1	30.8
71	30	Hampson Ind	67 †	...	1.7	3.2	22.1
302	222	Hanson	290½	+2½	...	5.0	26.7
221	146	Harris (Philip)	154	...	...	5.6	9.3
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	210	+4	9.0	5.4	30.3
171	38	Havelock Euro	152	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	47	...	...	...	...
50	17	Headway	44	...	...	2.0	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	501	+1	14.8	3.7	21.6
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
73	15	High-Point	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	185 †	...	8.2	4.2	∞
28	6½	Hobson♠	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	87	Holders Tech♠	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
63	30	Hopkinsons	56	...	0.9	2.0	42.4
216	133	Hornby♠	216	+1	9.0	5.2	20.4
103	54½	Howden	102	+1	...	2.8	16.1
280	246	Hozelock	272	...	...	2.8	19.3
265	173	Hunting	257	...	...	4.9	21.7
513	269½	Huntleigh Tec♠	493	...	...	1.0	32.7
379	247	IMI	349	...	...	3.6	31.0
135	90	ISA Intl	133	...	1.5	1.5	20.7
205	131	Intercare Gp♠	140 †	-6	...	3.1	13.4
300	235	Isotron	300	...	4.3	1.8	17.4
730	360	Jardine Math	657½	+16½	...	1.9	23.8
610	425	Johnson Math	595	+3	...	2.2	23.2
64	35½	Johnson & FB	46	...	...	3.7	43.8
177	104	Johnston	163	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	29	-1	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	35	...	0.7	2.7	...
187½	73	Kalon	184½	-½	...	2.4	25.6
297	195	Kelsey Ind	261 †	...	8.0	3.8	∞
805	465	Kersham (A)	790	...	...	4.4	39.7
276	75	Kleeneze	259 †	...	...	0.5	...
422	266	Laird	420	...	...	3.1	20.7
170	103	Lilleshall	169	-1	...	3.2	22.2
225	97	Lincat♠	225	...	...	3.3	15.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse♠	44	...	...	...	36.2
131	76	Linread	123	...	3.8	3.9	19.0
355	170	Linton Park	350	...	...	5.0	12.6
15½	9½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	19	...	0.8	5.6	27.6
274	97	Lon Ind	151	...	6.2	5.2	...
175½	70	Lonrho	160½	-3½	...	3.1	44.1
410	269	Low & Bonar	400	...	...	2.9	56.0
49	14½	ML Hldgs	45	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	61 †	-1	...	2.6	16.1
271	168	Macfarlane	255	...	...	1.7	28.9
539	379	McKechnie	527½	+5½	...	3.5	25.4
122	85	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	17.4
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
147	71	Mang Bronze	147	...	...	2.1	24.3
26½	19½	Marling	23 †	-½	...	4.0	...
231	124	Mayborn♠	221	...	5.2	2.9	17.0
64	29	Mayflower	59	...	...	1.0	49.3
236	85	Medeva	166	-1	...	1.8	13.5
120	88	Meggitt	115½	...	...	4.1	19.7
128	98	Metalrax	127	...	...	3.7	20.8
154	112	Metrotect	128	...	...	3.2	17.8
116	70	Metsec♠	116	...	...	...	...
124	29	Midsummer	116	...	...	0.8	16.1
575	368	Molins	553	...	...	1.3	13.3
399	262	Morgan Crble	399	...	...	3.9	20.9
206	134	Morris Ashby♠	206 †	+4	5.7	3.5	15.6
51	18	Neepsend	48	...	1.0	2.6	64.4
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
249	122	Nobo Gp	249 †	...	5.3	2.7	24.6
222½	122½	Norcros	195	...	...	4.5	28.5
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	59	+1	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	59 †	...	...	3.7	...
173	123	PCT♠	170	-3	7.2	5.3	19.3
91	36	Pacer Systems♠	80	...	...	5.4	...
43	31	Pascoe's	36	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	112	...	...	2.0	15.2
395	280	Photo-Me	296 †	+1	4.7	2.0	17.8
204	97½	Pilkington	201 †	+5	...	1.6	...
108	68	Plantsbrook	108	...	3.1	3.6	17.0
185	125	Polypipe	178	...	2.1	1.5	24.1
42	15	Porter Chadbn	24	...	...	2.1	11.0
376	272	Powerscreen	310	-6	...	2.7	16.1
22½	16½	Prospect Inds	22½	...	...	4.6	12.8
77	33½	RPS Group♠	77	...	2.3	3.7	17.0
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ransco Oil♠	170	-2	1.0	0.7	56.9
1101	696	Rank Org	1087	-1	...	3.6	23.6
33	13	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	696	+4	...	3.0	16.0
83	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
286	131	Relyon	286	...	5.0	2.2	34.3
308	208	Renishaw	306	...	...	2.7	36.4
138	55	Renold	137	...	...	1.6	...
2089	1240	Reuters	2082	+9	...	1.6	28.7
87	24½	Rexmore	84	...	2.0	3.1	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	189	...	...	3.8	26.8
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
106	63	Richardson West	106	...	3.0	3.6	27.2
154	109	Ropner	154	+6	8.2	6.7	21.8
150	97	-do- 'A'	150	+6	8.2	6.9	21.3
38	14	Ross Gp	18½	...	0.6	4.4	7.6
195	131½	Rotork	191	...	...	2.4	22.3
190	89	Rubicon	168 †	...	...	3.3	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	71	...	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	37 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1334½	625	SKF 'B'	1262½	-9½	...	...	...
272	205	Scapa	256	-1	...	2.8	19.1
238	179	Scholl	205	...	...	3.8	14.9
323	254	Scoda	255	...	...	...	...
1291	917	Securicor	1269 †	-4	...	0.3	36.0
1036	562	-do- 'A'	1007 †	-8	...	0.4	28.6
892	465	Security Serv	857 †	-6	5.6	0.8	∞
154½	77	Senior Eng	148½	+½	...	2.7	24.8
361	278	Seton Health	328	...	...	2.3	19.4
166	88	Shiloh	151	+1	3.0	2.5	16.3
344	271	Sidlaw	331	...	...	4.0	16.4
600	427	Siebe	588 †	+3	...	2.2	20.7
383	220	Silentnight	378	...	...	2.6	20.5
181	102	Sime Darby	149	-6	...	3.3	16.1
142	32	Simon Eng	121	...	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	235	...	...	3.7	18.3
47	35	Six Hundred	40	-3	...	4.7	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	148	-½	...	4.0	16.4
513	373	Smithkline	411	-2	9.6	2.9	14.8
460	340	Smithkline Uts	377	-1	...	3.2	12.8
527½	320	Smiths Ind	475	-2	...	3.1	19.1
140	58	Stim Bus	97 †	...	...	4.8	3.0
585	265	Spandex♠	585	+2	...	1.4	26.0
660	300	Spear (JW)	600	...	4.5	0.9	11.2
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	402	+1	...	2.9	25.2
137½	41½	Spring Ram	80 †	...	...	0.8	...
270	201	Staveley	251	...	...	4.2	14.2
242	126	Sterling Ind	242	...	...	3.0	37.1
220	97	Suter	218	-1	9.0	5.2	22.8
611	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	507½	-3	...	1.8	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
78	50	Sykes-Pick	50	...	3.0	7.7	9.6
178	120	Syltone	178	...	...	3.4	25.7
455	279	TI	415	+2	...	3.3	28.3
44	12	TLS Range♠	39	+1	0.2	0.8	...
375	211	TT Group	365	...	...	2.3	22.5
292	201	Takare	284	-2	...	0.8	24.7
868	618	Takeda Chem	809½	-6½	...	0.8	15.3
68	34	Tex Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)♠	97	...	...	7.2	16.7
240	150	Titon♠	220 †	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	267 †	-7	...	3.1	19.7
124	59	Trafalgar H	115 ↓	-1	...	3.5	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	101	...	3.2	4.0	12.7
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	155 †	...	...	5.6	18.6
318	214	UniChem	303	...	6.4	2.6	19.8
435	275½	Unidare	435 †	...	...	2.9	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	41	+5	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1236	+2	22.2	2.3	16.7
8118½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7978½	-18½	...	2.6	13.2
24½	9	Utd Inds	16	-½	...	...	...
1093	513	VSEL	1090	-3	...	3.5	11.8
31½	6½	Verson	29½	...	...	...	...
194	95½	Vickers	188	+4	...	1.5	...
367	243	Victaulic	318	...	...	3.1	15.2
522	283	Vinten	511	-1	...	1.8	23.8
772	427	Vosper Thorny	772	+15	...	2.7	17.9
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	7.5	11.7
510	368	Wagon Ind	508 †	...	...	4.3	22.4
8½	1½	Wakebourne	4½	...	...	...	24.6
114	71	Walker Greenbk	113	...	3.1	3.4	28.8
304	201	Wassall	287	+5	2.7	1.2	29.0
51	22	[illegible]	46	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	348	+8	...	2.2	19.6
693	604	Wellcome	664	+4	...	3.3	14.1
30	16	Wellman	28	+1	0.9	4.0	45.7
400	260	[illegible]	392	...	...	1.2	25.1
548	455	Whatman	548	...	9.7	2.2	18.6
353	211	Whessoe	264	...	...	3.9	12.5
111	27	Whitecroft	109	...	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	13½	+½	...	...	...
191	44	Wilkes (James)	176	...	3.5	...	51.5
421	295½	Williams Hldg	400	+2	12.5	3.9	20.9
46½	17	Wilshaw	43½	+½	...	1.6	27.4
920	533	Wolseley	897	+4	...	1.9	26.8
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	87	...	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1425	...	...	4.7	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1856½	-18½	...	4.2	...
86	30	Archer	66 †	...	...	1.8	...
165	118	Bradstock	152	...	...	4.6	16.7
530	359½	Britannic	511	+3	...	2.8	...
117	96	CLM Insce	114 †	...	...	...	...
711	556	Com Union	648	+1	...	4.6	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1770	...	...	1.6	23.4
64	18	FAI	60	...	...	0.8	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	192	...	...	4.7	17.1
757	546	Gen Accident	692	+11	26.7	4.8	...
247	160	GRE	240	-2	7.1	3.7	19.9
457	293	Heath C E	425	-3	...	4.7	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	144	+1	8.1	7.1	13.1
323	253	Independent Ins	293	-1	...	3.5	26.9
215	162	JIB Group	164	...	...	5.1	18.9
547	408½	Legal & Gen	508	+1	...	4.8	30.9
1281½	768½	Liberty Life	1190½	+50	...	2.6	18.9
121	99	LIMIT	110	...	...	...	...
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	420 †	+2	...	5.4	13.5
338	253	Lloyd Thmp	291	...	6.7	2.9	18.1
443	274	Londn & Man	424	+4	14.7	4.3	31.2
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	458	...	14.0	3.8	16.5
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5643½	+18½	...	3.2	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	180	...	...	3.9	18.0
130	76	Oriel	115	...	...	5.4	...
83	50½	PWS	80 †	...	...	6.2	14.8
385	282½	Prudential	349	...	...	3.4	23.2
404	266½	Refuge	395	+5	...	3.4	44.0
380	248	Royal	319	-2	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	182	-2	...	4.1	22.4
261	100	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	12.9	6.9
88	48	Sturge Hldgs	85 †	...	...	4.4	72.2
418	307	Sun Alliance	388	-6	14.2	4.6	...
91	50	Trade Indemnty	91	...	...	...	...
464	239	Transatlantic	458	...	12.0	3.3	42.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	673	+6	15.1	2.8	29.3
245	171	Willis Corroon	213	+4	...	3.9	30.5
25	13½	Windsor	22	...	...	...	17.3



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1985	+1	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	156½	+1½	7.8	6.2	...
219	133½	Bankers	206 †	+1	...	2.2	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	375	+1	6.6	2.2	∞
241	131	Berry Starq	241	...	2.2	1.1	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	113	...	...	4.7	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	94½	...	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	40½	+½	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	233	+5	4.6	2.5	...
272	174	Brunner	267 †	+2	5.2	2.5	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	213	+4	3.0	1.8	∞
195	143	Derby Inc	150 †	...	...	13.1	∞
325	195	-do- Cap	305	...	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	97	...	8.4	10.8	...
111	35	-do- Eng Ind	109	...	1.0	1.1	...
156	84	-do- Far East	154 †	+1	0.6	0.5	∞
177	95	-do- Korea	175½	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedn Inc G	769	-2	...	4.2	...
106	76	-do- Japan	98	...	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	65	...	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wwde	805	+5	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	332	...	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	339½	+½	8.5	3.1	∞
354	183	Electra Inv	334 †	+2	...	2.6	...
220	141	Electric Gen	210	...	3.1	1.8	...
127	85	English Scot	123	+1	...	...	...
345	205	European Asset	339	+2	...	1.6	∞
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	166	...	3.0	2.3	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	328	+1	1.5	0.6	∞
145	91	Fleming Chinese	108	...	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	64	+1	...	...	...
287	190½	-do- Claver	265 †	-1	5.5	2.8	∞
385	212	Do Contl	382	+1	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Entp	256 †	...	...	2.3	...
459	213	-do- F East	382	-1	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	405	...	3.0	0.9	∞
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	109	+½	...	5.0	...
273	136	-do- Japan	264	...	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	331	...	6.7	2.5	...
347½	212	-do- Oseas	333 †	-2	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	292½	-½	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	133	+1	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	74	...	0.4	0.7	...
259	164	-do- Eurotst	259	+2½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	130	+5	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	345	-1	...	0.8	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	186½	+½	1.8	1.2	...
303	145	GT Japan	279 †	...	...	0.6	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	193	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	109 †	+1	8.7	10.0	∞
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	174	+2	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	140	...	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	98	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	389	+2	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	329	+2	...	2.6	...
475	340	Greenfriar	471 †	+1	6.6	1.8	∞
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
158	124	Inv Cap	151 †	-1	...	4.2	...
119	77	IBS UK Smllr	114	+1	2.8	3.1	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	228	...	5.1	2.9	∞
272½	176	-do- O'seas	258	-1	3.4	1.7	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	165	...	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	774	...	18.5	3.0	...
227	164	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	304 †	-1	...	4.5	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2912½	-18½	...	...	...
595	383	Monks Inv Tst	565	-1	...	1.5	...
158	105	Morg Gren Inc	151	...	...	3.7	...
64	23	Do Warrants	56	...	...	...	...
148	98	Murray Ent	142 ↓	-1	...	1.8	∞
£290	£117½	-do- Pf 1994	£275	...	...	...	...
58	48	-do- Warrants	52	-2	...	...	...
67	39	Murray Euro	66½	+2	0.1	0.3	...
29½	4½	Do Wts	21½	+½	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Incme	377	...	10.9	3.6	...
395	265	-do- Ind	380 †	-1	11.6	3.8	...
548	263	-do- Small	534	-1	...	1.0	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	88 †	...	...	15.1	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	161	-3	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400 †	...	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	157½	...	...	...	...
363	270	-do- Vent	341	+3	...	4.0	...
95	68	NthRtng Inc	92 †	...	6.7	9.2	...
404	249	O'seas Inv Tst	381	+3	...	1.0	...
647	395	Pacific Assets	586	-2	1.1	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	409	+3	...	...	...
9350	7650	Personal Assets	9350	+50	190	2.5	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	120	...	0.2	9.8	∞
466	350	Robeco	448	...	...	2.8	...
463	346	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.3	...
343	214	St Andrew Inv	343	...	7.8	2.9	∞
183	131	Scot American	175½	+½	4.6	3.3	∞
371	136	Scott Asian	299	+3	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	918	+8	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	92	...	1.5	2.1	...
262½	183	Scottish	248	...	4.9	2.5	∞
264½	178	-do- Mrge	249	+2	4.0	2.0	...
133½	71	-do- Value	132	+1½	...	1.7	...
1795	1390	Second Alince	1720	+1	...	2.9	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	100½	...	3.2	4.0	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	177	+3	1.4	1.0	∞
51½	14	Sphere Inv	49½	+½	3.4	8.6	∞
205	112	TR Far East	182 †	+4	...	3.4	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	162½	-1	...	3.7	...
249	110	TR Pacific	213	+2½	0.3	0.2	∞
43½	17	TR Property	41	...	0.9	2.7	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	149	-½	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	222 †	+½	...	2.1	...
412	283	Temple Bar	382	-2	13.2	4.3	...
135	69	Thrgmtn Asian 2	126	+1	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	94	-4½	2.3	3.1	∞
553	363	Thrmg Dual Cp	538	...	...	...	...
269	178	USDC Invest	260	+3	4.5	2.2	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	127½	+½	4.0	3.9	...
257½	181	Witan	249 †	-½	5.8	2.9	∞

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	369	Airtours	569 †	+1	...	2.0	19.5
64	41	Ald Leis	46	...	...	8.2	15.0
668	194	Anglia TV	651 †	...	...	1.8	30.2
131	63	Baldwin	118	-3	3.5	3.8	∞
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	288	...	10.0	4.3	18.6
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
205	90	Border TV♠	197 †	-3	3.6	2.3	16.1
16½	4	Brent Walker	5	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scots	135	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	+1	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	62	...	8.7	17.6	...
439	171	Capital Radio	420	...	...	1.7	37.0
1047	520	Carlton Comm	964	-6	...	2.5	22.7
304	158	Castle Comm♠	294	...	...	3.6	19.5
3130	1615	Central TV	3005	-30	39.0	1.6	32.7
163	61	Chrysalis	143 †	...	3.2	2.8	...
748	470	Compass Gp	747 †	+1	...	2.1	20.8
350	175	Eurocamp	264 †	...	9.7	4.6	10.9
1180	268	Euro Disney	409½	+11½	...	2.8	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
43½	18	Ex-Lands	40	...	...	1.1	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	402 †	...	...	3.3	37.8
378	232	First Leisure	334	...	...	2.5	22.3
478	403	Flextech♠	444 #	+8	0.5	0.1	...
1023	298	GWR Gp♠	1023 †	+8	9.0	1.1	∞
279	149	Grampian	279	+3	6.5	2.9	19.3
22	4½	Greenwich Comm♠	19	...	...	...	...
154	19	HTV Group	152	+27	1.0	0.8	∞
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	87	...	...	3.2	...
18½	9½	Kunick	17½	...	...	...	16.7
752	405	LWT Hldgs	736	...	...	0.8	34.0
663	327	Man Utd	663	+8	...	3.7	26.8
48	7½	Northern	42	...	...	...	8.1
148	59	Owners Abrd	129	...	3.5	3.4	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
183	55	Prism Leisure♠	181 †	...	3.5	2.4	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	41	+4	...	...	...
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	220 †	...	4.5	2.6	∞
590	274	Radio Clyde♠	590	...	...	2.0	26.3
559	410	Scot TV	550	-6	10.3	2.4	27.1
37	13½	SelecTV♠	35	+½	...	...	...
114	37	Southern Radio	102	...	...	1.5	45.2
322	164	Stanley Leisure	321 ↓	+1	...	2.0	28.0
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing♠	2	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	92 †	...	...	2.7	4.8
150	44	Trans World♠	148	...	0.8	0.7	54.0
716	274	Ulster TV	716	+4	12.0	2.1	22.0
139	62	Vardon	139	+3	1.1	1.0	∞
375	110	Yorkshire TV	346	+10	3.3	1.2	...
126	83	Zetters Gp	125 †	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	2921½	+115½	...	2.4	24.8
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1800	...	...	5.1	9.3
6518½	1800	Ang Am Gold	5678½	+375	...	3.9	25.4
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♠	30	+½	...	...	...
405	115	Bakyrchik	346	+6	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	133½	+16½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30½	-½	...	28.1	5.3
896	233	Buffels	752 †	+57½	...	8.6	6.7
6	1	Burnc	4	-½	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	876½	-13½	...	2.4	28.1
54	11	Chill Res	52½	+1½	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1650	+50	...	3.0	22.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	115	+6½	...	1.7	8.4
96	7	Doornfontein	44	-½	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	815½	+44½	...	4.1	13.4
788	120	Durban	608½	+12½	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	127	+6½	...	8.6	3.8
175	36	E Rand Prop	93	+3½	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	371½	+14½	...	5.3	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	980½	+60½	...	6.6	12.6
80	8	FS Dev	...	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1387½	+81½	...	2.9	23.3
150	62½	Gencor	125½	+2½	...	7.2	14.0
80½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	74	+1½	...	1.0	30.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	125 †	+6½	...	8.0	7.9
416	78	Harmony	392	+9½	...	...	...
430	87	Hartes	358½	+4½	...	7.9	8.9
21½	8½	Inoco♠	19	+½	...	...	...
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	881½	+40½	...	3.2	28.3
16½	6	Kenmare Res♠	14½	+1½	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1006½	+34½	...	6.2	11.2
912	319	Kloof	689½	+36½	...	3.6	8.2
137	25	Leslie	86½	+2½	...	13.1	4.6
359	13	Loraine	219½	+2	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	887½	...	...	2.4	...
149	80	MIM	143	+1	...	1.6	62.1
1512	820	Minorco	1345	+70	...	2.9	15.9
201½	91	Nth Bkn Hill	178½	-4½	...	2.8	27.5
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2484½	+195½	...	5.1	14.7
899	607	RTZ	853	-3	...	2.9	24.1
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	616½	+24	...	6.7	6.2
295	115	Renison	252	...	...	1.8	26.1
1349½	850	Rustnbrg	1159½	+40½	...	2.8	26.5
756	191	St Helena	638 †	+53½	...	6.6	13.4
2887½	475	Southvaal	1800 †	+81½	...	5.2	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	87½	+2½	...	24.8	15.5
201	58	Unisel	139½	+8	...	3.7	11.5
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6203½	+375	...	4.3	∞
813	154	Welkom	654½	+63½	...	5.1	14.6
640	26	Western Areas	547½	+17½	...	4.8	3.8
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2721½	+281½	...	4.0	∞
398	176	Wstrn Mining	368½	-1	...	1.4	...
1225	321½	Winkels	753½	-6½	...	6.1	7.2
84	49	Zambia Copper	61	-3	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	253	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	113	...	3.0	3.3	10.9
175	78	Appleyard	166	...	...	3.8	...
380	203	Bletchley Mtr	380	+1	...	3.0	19.3
241	120	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
564	165	Br Aerospace	527	-4	7.3	1.7	...
58	19½	Burndene	52 †	...	...	4.2	14.0
465	303	Caffyns	450	...	11.5	3.2	23.8
22	4½	Caverdale	20½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr♠	130	...	4.0	3.9	∞
43	18	Cook (DC)♠	39	-1	0.9	2.9	22.1
348	156	Cowie (T)	325	...	6.6	2.5	24.7
203	86	Dag Motors	200	+13	5.7	3.5	36.7
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	155	...	4.2	3.4	∞
330	155	ERF	326	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	170	...	...	2.7	23.9
504	208	Evans Halshaw	503	...	11.4	2.8	77.5
306	211	FR Group	306	+1	...	2.0	14.3
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4425	-68½	...	...	...
4387½	2147½	General Mtr	4137½	-50	...	1.3	...
90	38	Gowrings	85	-2	2.0	2.9	...
343	85	Henlys	342	+1	3.5	1.3	...
1083½	769	Honda Motor	1060½	+29	...	0.8	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	41	-2	...	...	...
116	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	170	...	...	2.6	24.0
573	281	Lex Service	534	+3	...	2.6	29.2
274	85	Lookers	274	+2	...	3.0	26.3
239	126	Lucas	223	...	...	3.9	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	28½	...	...	...	...
305	224½	Pendragon	305	...	...	2.6	25.1
238	101½	Perry Gp	235	+1	...	3.8	...
217	108	Quicks Group	217	+1	...	2.7	27.7
186	94½	Rolls-Royce	180	...	...	3.5	...
249	164	T & N	240	+1	...	5.7	34.2
300	163	Trinity Hldgs	299	...	...	2.3	28.0
221	125	Vardy (Reg)	221	...	...	2.4	25.8
338	121	Westland	332 †	-1	...	1.7	23.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	103	Adscene	350	...	5.7	2.1	35.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	360	...	...	3.3	13.4
403	275	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	36.3
1625	1100	Daily Mail	1625 ↓	+25½	...	1.1	38.0
1459½	768½	Daily Mail 'A'	1459½	+87½	...	1.3	34.1
355	210	Dorling Kind	263	...	...	1.6	23.8
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6540½	+28½	...	1.4	22.4
476	322	EMAP	461	-1	...	2.2	28.4
1600	973	Euromoney Pb	1600	-50	...	3.0	28.1
264	154	Harrington K	188	...	4.7	3.1	15.4
515	155½	Haynes Pub	478	...	...	1.9	26.7
385	334	Hodder H'line	384	...	5.1	1.7	32.7
180	99	Home Counts	169	...	5.2	3.9	...
195	30	Intl Bus Comm	194	...	...	...	28.1
15	6½	Int Cm & Data♠	12½	+2	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	483	...	...	2.6	26.1
650	395	Johnston Press	650	+2	6.5	1.2	28.1
356	243	Metal Bulletn	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	88	Mirror Gp	184	...	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	492½	-½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	297	...	...	0.6	18.2
735	342	Pearson	720	+20	...	2.1	39.1
760	510	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.9
964	618	Reed Intl	931	+1	...	2.3	40.6
349	98	Southnews	349	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
196	90	Sterling Pubs	196	...	...	2.0	23.8
578	328	Telegraph	577	...	...	3.6	24.2
885	715	Thomson Corp	835 †	+10	30.1	4.5	41.7
472	313	Trinity Intl	460	...	9.0	2.4	27.6
39	21	Utd Group♠	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Newspprs	703	-2	...	3.8	19.5

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	29½	-½	...	...	28.7
61	33	Arcon Intl♠	43	...	...	...	...
77½	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	72½	+1½	...	...	...
83	26	Atlvs Pet	55	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8½	...	...	...	...
233	145	Br Borneo	223	-1	7.1	4.0	6.7
361½	276	British Gas	344½	+1½	14.2	5.2	16.7
406½	225	Br Petroleum	366 †	...	...	2.9	31.0
3½	1	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	675	Burmah Castrl	860	-3	...	3.7	20.1
68	32	Cairn Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
375	223	Calor Gp	345	...	...	4.3	18.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	41	-1	...	...	...
44	23½	Coplex Res	27½	...	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	25½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	428	-7	...	4.7	23.6
88	26	Exp Co Louis	55	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	...	...	4.1	9.5
10½	4	Fortune	7	+½	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	59	-1	1.4	3.0	11.3
48	18	Gt Western Res	39	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	153	-2	...	0.8	14.2
55	18½	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	128	...	...	3.3	25.3
103	63	-do- Units	66	...	9.4	18.2	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res♠	6	+1½	...	...	...
64½	34	Monument	63½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
50	27	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
43½	11½	Petroz	43½	+6½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25½	-½	...	...	9.4
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	360	+10	...	4.5	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7425	+56½	...	4.0	18.8
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3897½	+50	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	734	-2	22.8	3.9	22.6
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
18½	6	Villiers Grp	18½	+½	...	...	...
228½	135	Woodside	214½	...	...	1.7	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
444	349	API	434	...	...	2.4	27.2
298	144	Arjo Wiggins	297	+3	...	2.7	48.0
706	406	Abbott Mead	706	...	0.5	1.7	37.1
40	13	Anglia Gp	26½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm♠	205	...	4.9	3.0	18.6
26	7	BBB Design♠	24	...	...	...	...
470	223	Bemrose	470	+2	...	3.6	21.6
30½	7	Birkdale	12	...	...	...	...
183	118	Bunzl	182	...	4.0	2.7	27.5
430	257	CIA Gp	420	...	4.4	1.3	26.5
230	93	Capital Inds	174	...	...	2.6	16.6
93	44	City of Lon♠	88	...	...	5.5	16.2
422	169	Cropper (James)	422	...	3.2	1.0	40.8
108	51	Delyn Group	106	...	1.6	2.0	14.3
137	94	Dolphin Pack	129	...	4.5	4.4	31.8
87	42	Dudley Jenkins♠	80 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	13½	...	...	2.7	15.4
91	41	Fairway Group♠	91	...	3.2	4.5	26.8
409	271	Ferguson Intl	405	...	...	3.9	18.3
145	92	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	4.8	39.1
227	74	Filofax♠	222 †	+1	...	0.8	28.7
20	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons♠	147	...	5.2	4.4	16.6
295	205	Gold Greenless	280 †	...	8.4	4.3	23.5
41	17	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	∞
88	15	Hunterprint	16	...	...	...	...
185	135	Intereurope	140	-3	...	7.1	10.1
290	191	Jarvis Porter	289	...	...	2.1	26.9
33½	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	33½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	423	...	13.2	3.9	30.6
146	48	NMC Group	136	...	2.7	2.5	21.0
300	66	Osborne & Little	296	...	...	2.2	32.5
60	6½	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	...
576	455	Portals	576	+3	...	3.2	19.9
3½	0½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
319	159	Quarto	318	...	...	2.3	19.6
405	270	St Ives Gp	405	...	...	1.7	26.7
186	133	Saatchi	143	...	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	517½	+18½	...	6.4	9.8
30½	8½	Serif	28½	...	...	...	...
35½	14	Shandwick	35	...	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	495 †	+5	...	2.5	33.8
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	347	...	...	1.5	8.3
119	45	Somic	119	...	2.5	2.6	48.8
246	183	Stat-Plus	246	...	8.4	4.3	21.9
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	31	...	0.3	1.3	26.0
141	38	VTR♠	140	...	...	3.3	21.1
125	40	WPP	125	+4	...	1.0	4.7
264	62	Wace	245	...	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	258	+3	...	3.9	19.3
484	270	Watmough	484	+3	...	1.5	37.9
7	3	Westport♠	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mcka♠	36	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	128	...	...	3.4	33.2
48	35	Arcadian	48	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	...	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	140	...	...	1.9	14.7
191	88	Avonside	182	-2	4.1	2.8	25.4
2637½	2062½	BCE♠	2393½	...	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	760	...	18.9	3.1	27.5
107	17	Bourne End	107	...	...	1.2	...
276	150	Bradford	271	-3	5.9	2.7	27.5
23	5	Bredero	20	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	441 †	-2	...	2.0	40.2
276	140½	Brixton	250	...	...	4.2	19.8
126	42	Burford	113	-1	...	1.6	∞
218	99	Cap & Regnl♠	217	...	1.3	0.7	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270 †	...	2.5	1.2	...
185	177	Chelsfield	177	-1	...	1.7	...
675	196	Chesterfield	675	+7	11.5	2.1	48.3
83	12	City Site Ests	80	+6	...	...	...
36	12	Clarke Nickolls	28	-1	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Rbtar 6%	58	...	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1745 †	-5	...	1.9	21.5
65	5	Dares Estates	19½	...	...	...	...
156	53	Debenhm Twsn	156 †	...	...	2.6	29.6
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	187	-1	3.0	2.0	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	723	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	38½	-½	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	63	...	...	...	...
425	170	Estates Agency	425	...	...	2.2	50.5
47	7½	Estates Gen	39	-2	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	128	...	...	2.3	22.6
37	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
74	30	Fletcher King	73 †	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	276½	Frogmore	535	-3	...	3.8	25.3
323	97	Grainger	323 †	+2	...	2.0	57.7
260	116½	Gr Portland	241	-2	...	4.1	23.1
23½	3½	Greycoat	21½ †	-½	...	...	...
289	107	HK Land	232½	+4½	...	2.7	30.6
94	35	Hambro Cntry	79	-1	0.5	0.8	...
435	233	Hammerson	430	-4	10.0	2.9	43.5
377	127	Helical Bar	375	...	...	1.6	13.5
40½	19	Hemingway	38	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	72	+1	3.7	6.5	18.1
315	133	Jermyn	275	-10	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	752	-4	23.1	3.8	22.4
132	73	Lon Merch Sec	118	-1	4.0	4.2	18.3
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	511	-2	...	4.9	29.4
13½	5	McInerney A	13½	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	185 †	...	3.5	2.4	25.4
8½	2½	Marktheath	6½	+½	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	76	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	48	...	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1275 †	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Muckow (A&J)	194	-1	...	3.9	30.2
70	30	Olives Prop	67	-1	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	9	...	...	...	...
197	88	PSIT	190 †	+1	4.3	2.9	37.7
399	138	Peel	386	-4	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	12.0
63	33	Regian	52	+1	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	35½	+½	...	...	...
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	160	...	1.5	1.2	20.0
64	16	St Modwen Prp	57	-1	1.0	2.2	∞
78	39	Saville Grdn (J)	73 †	...	...	4.6	36.4
100	39	Savills	86 †	...	...	2.5	34.0
112	33½	Scot Met	104	...	...	1.8	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
519	139½	Slough Ests	279	-9	...	3.6	19.5
103	56	Southend Prop	100 †	...	...	3.0	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps♠	29	...	...	...	...
244	114	Tops Ests	244 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
163	79	Town Centre	161	-1	...	2.6	28.8
107	43	Trafford Park	106	-1	...	3.3	24.4
58	17	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	180	Warner	316	...	10.4	4.1	28.9
247	168	Warnford	247	...	7.5	3.8	17.9
8	2	Waterglade	4½	...	...	...	...
104	34	Wates	103	...	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D♠	101 †	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic♠	34	...	...	1.7	49.7
221	84	Headlam	220	...	...	...	...
500	285	Lambert	400	...	13.2	4.1	9.8
100	44	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
250	89	Stylo	249	...	...	1.5	...
67	53	UK Safety	67	+1	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
616	408	Allied Text	615 ↓	...	12.9	2.6	∞
71	54	Beckman (A)	67	...	...	6.7	14.4
41	21	Bolton Gp	33	+5	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	211	+1	8.5	5.0	19.8
55	15	Chartwell♠	53	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gt	363	+1	7.5	2.6	22.7
601	449	Courtauld Text	574	-5	13.9	3.0	15.7
53½	20	Cupid♠	21	...	...	...	...
248½	124	Dawson	148	+1	...	6.5	11.1
47	22	Drummond	33	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel♠	77	...	4.9	8.0	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
167	82	Gaskell	164	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	234	...	...	2.2	16.6
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
484	349	Lamont	484	+3	12.0	3.1	32.0
343½	235½	Leeds	337 †	...	...	2.1	17.8
122	73	Lyles (S)	99	...	...	4.2	...
215	89	Magellan	164	...	1.4	1.1	...
266	77½	Parkland	265	...	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	108½	...	...	4.0	20.4
66	35	SEET	56	+1	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	145	+1	...	4.6	10.0
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	49	...	...	4.1	42.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325 †	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30½	West Trust	46 †	...	...	7.3	...
280	126	Yorklyde	271	...	...	2.5	17.8

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	499	+2	...	4.8	14.9
495	315½	Rothmans	451	+3	...	3.5	14.2

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
623	349	Assoc Br Ports	622	+6	...	1.8	...
1083	707	BAA	1018	-3	...	2.0	25.3
128	106	Badgerline	120	...	...	4.3	14.2
496½	249	Br Airways	477	-2	...	2.8	20.0
113	56	Clarkson (H)	105	-2	1.7	2.1	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	568	-7	...	...	...
95	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
297	147	IoM Steam	290	...	...	3.6	15.2
55	24	Jacobs (JI)	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	108	...	...	1.2	19.8
534	264	Mersey Docks	508	-6	9.0	2.2	∞
382	181	Natl Express	276	...	...	3.2	28.5
291	218	NFC	262 †	-4	...	3.3	20.3
348	244	Ocean Group	327	+2	...	5.5	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	84	...	4.0	6.0	15.2
728	504	P & O Dfd	694	-9	...	5.5	37.7
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	154	-1	...	4.5	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	660	+3	...	4.2	21.2
241	117	Seacon♠	233	...	5.7	3.1	∞
206	112	Stagecoach	200	+1	...	2.4	24.4
121	31½	TNT	119½	+½	...	...	...
915	624	Tibbet & Britn	915	+7	12.6	1.7	35.1
382	37	Tiphook	35	+1	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	320	-3	...	3.2	10.6
131	98	Ugland	131	+5	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	562 †	+7	...	4.8	11.2
365	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
761	547	Northumbrian	609 †	-3	...	4.1	8.2
611	431½	North West	562 †	+6	...	4.9	9.3
645	439	Severn Trent	598 †	-2	...	4.5	9.2
685	454	Sthrn Water	618 †	-1	...	4.4	9.9
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1580	...	48.5	3.8	11.3
675	465	South West	615 †	-6	...	4.9	9.9
611	454	Thames Water	568	+1	...	4.7	11.1
744	506	Welsh Water	700 †	+16	...	4.3	7.1
759½	536	Wessex Water	699 †	+4	...	4.0	11.1
630	473½	Yorkshire W	568 †	-2	...	4.8	9.4

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109¼	100	Treas 14½% 1994	100 †	...	14.50	...
109⅝	101¼	Exch 13½% 1994	101¼	...	13.28	4.93
105⅝	101⅞	Treas 10% 1994	101⅞	...	9.86	4.94
110⅝	103⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	103⅞xd	...	12.04	4.96
105⅞	102⅝	Treas 9% 1994	102⅝	...	8.74	4.92
111⅝	106⅝	Treas 12% 1995	106⅝	...	11.28	4.93
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.80
109¼	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅛	...	9.57	5.05
116¼	112⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	112⅝	...	11.34	5.14
120¼	115¼	Treas 14% 1996	115⅝	+⅛	12.09	5.28
125¾	120¼	Treas 15¼% 1996	120¾	...	12.68	5.37
120⅝	115¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅝	-⅛	11.38	5.37
112¼	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	111¼	+⅛	9.00	5.57
122⅝	118¼	Treas 13¼% 1997	120¼	+⅛	11.03	5.71
114⅝	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	113¼ †	+⅛	9.28	5.71
110¼	105¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	109¼ †	+⅛	8.00	5.78
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	+⅛	11.57	5.93
114⅝	109⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	113⅝	+⅛	8.62	5.94
106⅝	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	104⅝	+⅛	6.91	5.90
106⅝	101⅝	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104⅝	+⅛	6.92	5.90
102¼	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅝	...	6.64	5.20
131¼	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅝	+⅛	10.84	6.14
140⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅝	+⅛	11.26	6.03
126⅝	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	125⅝	+⅛	9.20	6.17
116⅝	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	114¼	+⅛	8.31	6.07

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅝	98¼	Treas 6% 1999	100⅝	+⅛	5.98	5.94
128¼	120⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	126 †	+⅛	9.72	6.23
121¼	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	119⅝	+⅛	8.81	6.17
121¼	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	119¼	+⅛	8.60	6.24
116¼	106	Conv 9% 2000	113⅝xd	+⅛	7.90	6.20
136⅝	125¼	Treas 13% 2000	133¼	+⅛	9.71	6.46
106⅝	97⅝	Treas 7% 2001	103⅝	+⅛	6.75	6.38
122⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	119¼ †	+⅛	8.38	6.52
123⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	120 †	+⅛	8.12	6.65
113⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	110⅝	+⅛	7.25	6.51
127⅝	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	123⅝ †	+⅛	8.12	6.68
129⅝	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126¼ †	+⅛	9.07	6.70
86⅝	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82⅝	+⅛	4.23	5.75
105⅝	97¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	104⅝	-⅛	6.64	6.53
125⅝	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	120⅝	-⅛	7.86	6.73
125⅝	106¼	Conv 9½% 2005	121⅝	-⅛	7.82	6.75
143⅝	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	139⅝	-⅛	8.97	6.90
111¼	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	108⅝	-⅛	7.39	6.74
112⅝	94⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	108¼ †	+⅛	7.13	6.73
136⅝	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	132⅝	+⅛	8.89	6.88
119⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	115⅝	+⅛	7.39	6.78
151⅝	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	147⅝ †	+⅛	9.15	6.90
124⅝	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	120⅝	+⅛	7.49	6.81

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2009	111⅝xd	+⅛	7.18	6.82
126⅝	100¼	Conv 9% 2011	122¼	+⅛	7.37	6.82
127⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	122¼	+⅛	7.32	6.81
94	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88⅝	+⅛	6.20	6.58
114⅝	89¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	110¼	+⅛	7.03	6.77
117¼	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	112⅝	+⅛	7.08	6.80
159¼	129⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	153¼	+⅛	7.82	6.99
128¼	97¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	123⅝ †	+⅛	7.10	6.77

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅝	38¼	War Ln 3½%	51¼	+¼	6.79	...
37¼	27⅝	Treas 2½%	35¼	+¼	7.08	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137¼	131¼	Treas IL 2% 1994	137¼	...	...	...
204¼	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	202¼ †	-⅛	0.90	1.97
117⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111⅝	...	1.32	2.05
178¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174¼ †	-¼	2.16	2.56
173¼	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171⅝	-¼	2.40	2.73
118¼	107¼	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116⅝	-¼	2.45	2.77
184⅝	159⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅝	-¼	2.58	2.83
168⅝	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162⅝	-¼	2.80	3.02
175⅝	149⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170⅝ †	-¼	2.85	3.05
146¼	122⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	140⅝	-¼	2.90	3.09
157¼	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	151¼	-¼	2.95	3.12
152⅝	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	146¼	-¼	3.01	3.15
129¼	102¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	125¼	-¼	3.00	3.13
128⅝	103¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	122¼	-¼	3.02	3.15

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ↓ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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European 82.08 90.40 -1.25 1.30
Far Eastern 331.75 349.21 +0.53 1.23
High Income 144.87 152.24 +2.16 4.27
Intl Growth 130.72 137.60 -0.34 0.86
North American 125.95 130.42 -1.10 0.99
Pelican 121.21 127.60 -0.26 2.07
Smaller Cos 91.19 96.41 +0.23 1.57
Special Sits 99.84 105.09 -0.05 2.04
Tst of Inv Tsts 199.21 209.69 -0.12 1.34

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Smaller Cos Inc 230.50 240.10 +0.68 1.50
Smaller Cos Acc 399.05 415.66 +1.19 1.50
Recovery 61.51 64.07 +0.26 1.75

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23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144
Balanced 117.18 124.27 +0.53 4.62
Capital Growth 87.93 93.57 +0.48 ..
Fd of Inv Tst 48.39 51.60 +0.25 0.22
High Income 49.79 53.11 +0.28 5.34
Warrant 66.86 72.68 +0.61
Zero Preference 37.51 39.82 +0.01 ..

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Family Asset Tst 79.24 84.40 ... 2.38
Family Income Tst 53.12 56.50 ... 5.86
Family Trust 96.16 102.30 ... 1.04
United Charities 267.70 285.10 ... 2.81

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Cash Fund 100.00 100.00 . 4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range
Controlled Risk UK 24.69 26.05 -0.02 2.90
-do- Europe 24.41 25.73 .. 4.50
-do- America 23.89 25.19 +0.03 0.37
-do- Acc Japan 27.70 29.37 -0.18 0.55
Bond Funds
Gilt & Fxd Int 21.30 31.68 +0.02 6.10
Intl Bond 32.33 33.62 -0.20 4.76
Income Funds
High Income 29.97 31.54 -0.01 4.47
Income Plus 131.70 140.10 -0.40 3.54
Amer Eq Inc 49.45 52.27 -0.11 1.67
European Income 45.97 48.88 -0.25 2.15
Far East Inc 67.38 71.97 -0.31 2.07
Global Convertible 26.32 28.08 -0.03 1.98
Equity Funds
ASEAN 64.59 68.90 +0.13 ..
American 247.30 261.10 +0.10 ..
Amer Spec Sits 115.20 122.90 +0.60 ..
Japan Smaller Cos 43.47 46.37 -0.07 ..
European 169.80 180.60 -0.30 .
European Opps 63.22 67.23 +0.15 .
UK Growth 94.33 100.30 +0.20
Growth & Inc 165.50 176.00 -0.10 2.10
Intl PEP 37.72 40.11 -0.02 ..
Japan Spec Sits 96.06 102.60 -0.70 ..
Japan 204.30 217.60 -0.50 ..
Managed Intl 279.90 298.60 -0.30 ..
Moneybuilder 55.60 59.31 +0.10
Recovery 48.56 51.64 +0.11 .
South E Asia 171.00 182.50 +2.00 .
Special Sits 571.60 607.90 +2.30 ..
Specialist Funds
UK Index 115.70 121.80 -0.40 2.84
UK Reverse Index 71.69 75.58 -0.26 4.78
Europe Index 119.90 125.20 +0.10 4.22
-do- Reverse Index 64.42 68.36 -0.20 8.31
America Index 103.90 109.40 -0.50 0.69
-do- Reverse Index 93.33 98.36 -0.06 0.83
Japan Index 133.70 140.80 -0.10 0.74
-do- Reverse Index 102.50 108.10 -0.60 1.26
Cash Accum Units 104.43 104.43 +0.01 4.50

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Balanced 149.90 153.10 .. 1.97
Inc Pfolio 95.43 97.12 -0.86 3.34
Cap Pfolio 155.90 158.80 -0.10 0.56
General Opps 137.40 139.40 .. 3.10
Growth Inc 32.73 33.37 -0.08 1.13
Private Portfolio 437.50 445.60 .. 1.37

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Hypo Foreign & Colonial
European 116.50 123.30 +0.40 0.19
Far Eastern 194.70 209.00 -0.30 ..
High Income 23.42 24.94 -0.02 10.12
Oseas Income 103.90 110.80 -0.20 2.42
UK Growth 122.90 131.40 +0.50 0.79
UK Income 117.30 125.60 -0.20 4.38
US Smaller Cos 305.20 326.40 -0.50

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1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966
High Inc Eqty 52.01 55.97 -0.03 3.72
-do- Inv Tst Inc 81.95 87.15 -0.22 3.56
Intl Growth 75.45 80.27 .. 1.12
Investment Trust 96.29 102.44 -0.29 0.21
UK Smaller Cos 89.62 95.34 -0.25 1.15

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100
American Growth 57.39 61.21 -0.09 .
(Accum Units) 57.34 61.21 -0.09 ..
Amer Smlr Cos 515.20 550.90 -0.50 ..
(Accum Units) 526.30 562.90 +0.60 ..
Capital Tst 345.60 367.60 +2.30 1.26
(Accum Units) 486.40 517.30 +3.00 1.26
Cond Smlr Cos 61.21 65.78 +0.02 0.16
(Accum Units) 63.98 68.76 +0.02 0.16
Convertible 147.20 156.50 +0.40 4.30
(Accum Units) 285.20 303.30 +0.90 4.30
Emerging Markets 92.53 98.85 +0.34 ..
(Accum Units) 92.60 98.93 +0.34 ..
European 120.60 128.10 +0.20 0.12
(Accum Units) 125.70 133.50 +0.20 0.12
Extra Income 361.60 384.60 +0.80 3.08
(Accum Units) 524.10 557.40 +0.80 3.08
Financial 127.70 137.30 -0.10 0.33
(Accum Units) 133.70 143.70 -0.10 0.33
Gilt Trust 71.04 73.25 -0.03 5.08
(Accum Units) 94.05 96.97 -0.05 5.08
Health Fund Inc 149.40 159.60 -1.20 ..
(Accum Units) 149.40 159.60 -1.20 ..
Income & Growth 212.40 225.90 +0.50 3.03
(Accum Units) 307.70 327.30 +0.80 3.07
Intl Growth 392.30 420.70 -0.10 ..
(Accum Units) 435.70 467.10 -0.20 ..
Japan & Gen 198.40 212.50 -1.30 ..
(Accum Units) 200.40 214.70 -1.20 ..
Managed Port Inc 112.90 118.80 +0.20 0.56
(Accum Units) 118.70 124.90 +0.20 0.56
Monthly Income 184.30 196.00 +0.50 3.16
Quarterly Income 58.25 61.93 +0.10 3.88
(Accum Units) 60.06 63.97 +0.11 3.88
Recovery 374.00 399.90 +0.80 0.08
(Accum Units) 448.10 470.60 +1.10 0.08
UK Growth 55.63 59.36 +0.06 2.16
(Accum Units) 55.63 59.36 +0.06 2.16

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-do- Accum 140.76 149.75 -0.29 0.34
FP Fixed Int Dist 145.04 153.42 +0.28 5.68
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-do- Accum 101.34 107.81 -0.22 0.34
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-do- Accum 218.99 231.98 -0.39 0.55
FP Pac Basin Dist 336.74 358.23 -1.62 0.01
-do- Accum 343.17 365.07 -1.65 0.01
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-do- Accum 437.96 465.89 +0.57 1.56
Stwrdshp Inc Dist 78.88 83.91 -0.09 2.90
-do- Accum 99.26 105.60 -0.11 2.90
N Am Sthp Dist 106.64 113.45 -0.30 0.36
-do- Accum 112.89 120.10 -0.31 0.36

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GANDA 252.50 267.00 -0.20 1.34
Cash 49.34 50.08 .. 4.36
Growth Portfolio 88.26 93.55 -0.33 0.52
Income Portfolio 73.06 77.28 +0.14 3.22

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European 562.70 590.30 -3.60 1.22
Far East & Gen 297.00 317.70 -1.20 ..
Germany 120.40 128.10 -0.20 ..
Global Assets Inc
Income Inc 170.80 182.70 -0.80 4.12
International 380.90 407.40 -1.00 0.31
Intl Income 88.12 93.54 -0.03 3.75
Japan & General 432.10 460.20 -3.10 .
Korean Securities 79.46 84.90 -0.19 0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc 56.52 60.45 -0.21 3.72
UK Capital (Inc) 199.70 212.60 -0.90 1.65
UK Spec Sits 100.50 100.50 -0.70 0.31
US & General 139.90 147.70 -1.20 ..
Wwide Spec Sits 177.70 189.50 -0.50 0.05

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British Growth 53.92 57.71 -0.21 1.34
Cash Trust 132.13 132.13 +0.01 4.05
Practical Inv Inc 119.78 129.27 -0.15 3.44
UK Index 157.90 160.53 -0.10 2.69
UK Smaller Cos 127.95 129.58 +0.44 1.24
Income Funds
Preference Share 27.59 29.51 -0.03 5.57
High Income 37.31 39.90 -0.19 4.26
UK Equity Income 148.54 158.87 -0.35 3.26
Global Bond 30.25 32.02 -0.02 3.86
International Funds
Frontier Markets 58.71 73.49 -2.07
Global Inc & Gth 142.52 151.50 -0.27 1.44
Gold & Intl Res 119.02 126.10 +1.39 1.59
Global Utilities 141.49 151.14 +0.15 3.66
Overseas Funds
American 144.74 154.74 -0.31 0.47
European 99.57 105.40 -0.33 0.53
Euro Sel Opps 133.56 141.96 +0.17 0.20
Amer Emerging 105.48 112.81 -0.12 ..
Hong Kong 178.64 190.84 -1.56 0.97
Japan 252.51 268.56 -2.48 .
Pacific Growth 248.59 256.19 -3.91
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds
Managed Equity 222.06 225.06 -0.14 1.68
Long Term Bal 244.27 244.27 -0.28 2.01
Med Term Bal 204.53 204.57 -0.16 2.27
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UK Emerging Cos 152.85 152.85 +4.35 1.76
American 235.95 235.95 -0.79 .24
Japan 142.60 142.60 -0.99
European 254.72 254.72 -0.75 .37
Index Linked Gilt 174.41 174.41 +0.06 2.14
Fixed Interest 162.92 162.92 -0.32 9.17
Amer Emerging 270.79 270.74 -0.51
Pacific 254.86 254.86 -0.60 0.57
Emerging Mkts 223.19 223.19 -5.66
Index Strat Japan 159.08 159.08 .. 0.22
-do- Pacific Rim 212.36 212.36 ..
-do- Cont Europe 149.26 149.26 ..
Index Strat USA 133.93 133.93 .. 2.08
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds
Managed Equity 106.54 113.34 +0.09
Med Term Bal 97.54 103.53 +0.08
Long Term Bal 110.19 117.22 -0.12
UK Equity 114.92 122.25 +0.11
UK Emerging Cos 71.73 76.31 -0.03 .
American 109.78 116.77 -0.39 .
Japan 64.72 73.10 -0.51
European 106.38 113.17 -0.23
Fixed Interest 86.43 90.92 +0.17
Index Linked Gilt 77.34 82.27 +0.02
Deposit 75.75 81.02 +0.01
Broker Unit Trusts
Berkeley Intl Gth 136.72 145.92 +0.02
Berkeley Income 127.51 127.43 +0.61 1.99
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-do- Inc Port Inc 63.09 66.53 +0.14 3.75
-do- Wwide Port 56.30 59.42 -0.38 1.00
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Higher Income 144.70 153.10 ... 1.97

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N America Inc 346.90 366.95 -0.96
Far East Inc 357.03 381.94
UK Diversified Inc 160.59 170.12 -5.37 ...

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UK Small Cos 56.85 60.56 -0.29 2.10
Brnsw Growth 61.24 64.51 .. 2.14
American Gwth 165.77 176.44 -0.47
Japan Gwth 55.55 58.46 -0.32
Greater China 219.15 234.29 -0.64 0.45
Pacific Strategy 188.62 201.74 +0.04 0.15
European Gwth 96.41 102.44 +0.40 0.52
Intl Growth 167.17 178.29 -0.35 0.24
US Index [illegible]
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind 93.55 98.63 -0.28 2.15
Monthly Income 47.41 50.36 .. 3.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: [illegible]
UK Index (L) 12.506 13.077 -0.044 3.60
Euro Index (L) 13.414 14.052 -0.116 4.50
Japan Index (L) 11.357 11.887 -0.039 1.59
US Index (L) 14.905 15.498 -0.046 1.39
Cash (L) 9.5195 9.5671 +0.001 4.12
UK Bear (L) 7.0491 7.3719 -0.047 3.60
European Bear (L) 7.2968 7.6359 -0.135 4.50
Japan Bear (L) 12.985 13.573 -0.024 1.59
US Bear (L) 9.0468 9.4833 -0.028 1.59
Dollar Bull (L) 16.422 16.775 -0.008 1.90
Dollar Bear (L) 6.9412 7.1527 +0.002 3.60
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Gilt Bear (L) 7.0079 7.2252 -0.027 3.60
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Grd UK Index (L) 12.937 13.511 -0.051 3.60

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Small Cos 98.95 105.27 -0.42 1.12
Bridge Income 297.79 312.54 -2.47 4.68

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Cash 134.40 134.40 ... 3.77
European 471.90 504.10 -3.10 ..
Gilt & Fixed 140.10 148.60 -0.30 5.17
Growth Equity 356.60 380.90 -1.00 1.64
Income Trust 134.80 144.00 -0.10 2.74
International 194.20 207.40 -0.20 ..
Japan Trust 147.10 156.40 -0.30 ..
Nth American 285.20 304.70 -0.90 ..
Pacific 628.10 668.90 -0.40 ..
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Global High Inc 120.61 125.22 -0.76 7.85
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Eqty & Bond Inc 110.91 117.82 +0.53 4.77
European Growth 98.34 104.56 -1.40 ..
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High Income 128.34 136.46 +0.76 3.04
Recovery 420.97 447.30 -3.90 1.42
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Income Advtg Inc 34.50 36.57 -0.20 3.26

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Smaller Cos 36.60 38.94 +0.06 1.18

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UK Funds
Special Sits 319.96 342.35 -0.37 0.82
Best of British 66.51 71.70 -0.03 1.95
UK Smaller Cos 132.56 142.51 +0.69 0.77
High Income Funds
Income & Growth 295.97 315.20 -0.43 2.45
High Income 356.65 381.29 -1.39 5.19
Extra Income 312.17 332.33 +0.01 4.01
Pref & Gilt 50.45 54.25 +0.12 7.48
International
International 294.53 309.99 -0.77 ..
Global Bond 59.53 63.32 ... 5.88
Family of Funds 85.57 91.65 +0.28 0.13
Global Tech 159.62 169.63 +0.21 ...
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 196.14 209.75 -0.24 ...
European 491.47 509.46 -1.35 0.36
European Income 86.64 91.72 -0.27 2.14
Euro Smlr Cos 150.27 160.83 -0.46 0.12
Eur Sp Sits 69.67 73.30 -0.47 ...
Japan Trust 216.04 230.06 -0.44 ...
Japan Special Sits 248.56 264.64 -0.07 ..
Pacific Smlr Cos 279.21 293.83 -0.92 ..
North American 271.56 287.91 -0.12 ..
American Smaller 111.01 118.66 -0.39 ..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio
American Growth 58.98 62.51 -0.23 ..
Eur Sp Sits 58.35 62.46 -0.27 ..
General Growth 44.25 46.88 -0.01 ..
Global Tech 62.06 65.92 +0.12 ..
Income Growth 44.46 47.12 -0.07 ..
Japan Growth 26.41 27.99 -0.06 ..
Overseas Growth 41.49 43.97 -0.04 ..
Smaller Cos 23.47 24.87 -0.09 ..
Special Opps 31.03 32.89 -0.16
Sterling Liquidity .. ..
Wwide Sp Sits 51.52 54.52 -0.12 .

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NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355
British 106.50 113.90 -0.70 1.65
Capital 183.30 196.00 -0.10 1.31
Dollar 355.30 375.90 -3.10 0.01
European 243.90 259.90 -2.40 0.26
Far East 364.10 389.40 -0.90 0.06
Financial 909.80 962.30 -0.90 0.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 28.33 29.47 +0.03 6.96
High Yield 119.50 127.60 +0.10 3.52
Income & Growth 138.30 159.26 -0.13 2.72
International 263.70 281.30 -2.50 0.01
Japanese General 207.50 221.90 -0.50 ..
Japan Tech 80.06 85.57 -0.67 ..
Nat Resources 79.70 85.26 -1.44 ..
Portfolio 79.32 84.83 +0.60 1.56
Security 352.40 376.60 +2.20 1.64
Smaller Cos 144.70 154.70 -0.50 0.83
Special Sits 166.60 178.10 -1.90 1.02
UK Emerging Cos 97.06 103.80 -0.60 0.03
US Smaller Cos 79.90 84.38 -0.68 ..

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Index Funds
American Index 204.70 218.10 -0.20 1.20
Eurotrack 100 158.80 168.50 .. 0.95
Footsie Fund 55.91 59.11 -0.08 2.32
Japan Index 83.75 89.20 -0.43 0.10
Tiger Index 222.60 237.40 -0.40 0.17
Trinle Index 129.90 138.60 +1.80 1.52
UK Index 149.90 156.87 -1.00 2.61
Active Funds
American Growth 493.90 527.10 +0.40 0.16
Asian 62.04 66.21 -0.31 ..
Capital 636.80 679.40 -1.10 1.97
European Growth 112.50 119.20 -0.70 ..
Global Bond 24.47 25.79 -0.04 5.75
Hong Kong Gwth 133.50 139.30 -1.50 0.48
Income 606.20 647.00 -0.70 3.40
Intl Growth 82.49 87.89 -0.18 0.06
Japan Growth 300.60 320.80 -2.60 ..
Japan Smllr Cos 37.25 39.70 -0.14 ..
Spore & Mlysn Gth 77.75 82.98 -0.11 ..
Midland Unit Trusts
Dealing 0742 529 300
Enquiries 0742 529 076
Balanced 63.11 67.48 -0.06 2.11
(Accum Units) 64.69 69.36 -0.06 2.11
British Tst 89.57 94.73 +0.30 1.79
(Accum Units) 152.10 159.10 +0.50 1.79
Extra High Inc 77.14 82.50 +0.01 5.37
(Accum Units) 141.80 151.20 .. 5.37
Gilt & Fxd Int 60.15 62.62 +0.15 6.05
(Accum Units) 154.80 171.50 +0.40 6.05
High Yield 252.00 264.50 +0.30 4.23
(Accum Units) 604.80 646.80 -0.90 4.23
Income 325.13 347.90 -1.70 2.62
(Accum Units) 695.00 743.20 -5.80 2.62
Japan Growth 347.90 372.00 ..
(Accum Units) 367.10 392.60 ..
Mandarin Tst 134.30 143.90 .. 0.59
(Accum Units) 144.90 154.90 .. 0.59
Money Market UT 49.22 49.22 .. 4.68
(Accum Units) 74.58 74.58 .. 4.68
Monthly Income 94.82 101.37 .. 3.75
North American ..
(Accum Units) ..
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
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(Accum Units) 99.86 106.20 +1.10 1.23
European 159.90 170.02 +1.90 1.15
(Accum Units) 209.20 222.60 +2.60 1.15
General 305.60 325.10 +1.10 2.77
(Accum Units) 509.40 541.90 +1.80 2.77
Japan 453.10 482.00 +0.20 ..
(Accum Units) 458.10 487.30 +0.10 ..
Japanese Special 262.40 279.20 -0.50 ..
(Accum Units) 263.80 280.60 -0.40 ..
Master Accum 263.90 280.70 +0.80 0.77
Pacific 372.60 396.40 +1.00 0.37
(Accum Units) 436.90 464.80 -1.10 0.37
Smaller Cos 126.50 134.60 +0.85 0.86
(Accum Units) 171.40 182.30 +1.00 0.86
UK Equity Growth 47.51 50.54 +0.07 1.53
(Accum Units) 88.96 94.64 +0.15 1.53

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 8683
Global Inc & Gth 68.16 72.51 +0.14 0.80
Inv Trust 75.18 79.97 +0.35 ..
Cautious Inc/Gth 62.47 66.45 +0.12 1.60
High Inc Acc 60.25 64.09 +0.09 4.40

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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European 96.05 102.10 +0.20 0.39
Extra Income 27.78 29.55 +0.12 3.07
Far East 33.06 35.20 -0.04 0.25
Income & Gwth 84.06 89.40 -0.01 3.26
Intl Growth 61.03 64.91 +0.37 0.38
Japan 68.47 72.84 -0.31 ..
Maximum Dist 99.72 101.70 ... 6.97
Nth Amer Equity 42.58 45.30 +0.24 0.12
UK Equity 100.20 106.60 +0.10 2.03

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800
Income 672.40 686.10 ... 4.55
Intl & General 453.70 463.00 ... 0.55

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1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966
Inc & Growth Inc 61.80 65.74 -0.05 3.80
Smaller Cos 58.46 61.86 +0.05 0.81

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Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623
Growth Trust 269.70 286.90 -0.40 1.54
High Income 119.60 127.20 ... 3.46
International 103.70 110.30 +0.20 0.40
Recovery Trust 69.41 73.84 +0.20 1.17
European Trust 87.50 93.09 +0.22 0.70
Japanese Trust 47.83 50.88 -0.53 ..
American Trust 85.12 90.55 +0.70 ..
Managed 71.63 76.20 +0.05 0.37
Cash 51.65 51.65 ... 4.12

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21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916
UK Cap 374.90 380.80 +3.40 2.52
UK Inc/Gth 407.30 413.40 +3.00 2.79
UK Income 290.20 294.90 +2.20 3.36
UK Sm Cos 270.30 279.70 +1.60 1.30
Euro Gwth 123.70 124.60 +1.80 ..
N Amer Gwth 84.04 85.04 +1.04 0.22
Jap & Pac Gth 86.92 88.15 -0.67 ..
Money Mkt 117.53 117.53 ... 2.340

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Equity Dist 504.90 537.10 -0.70 2.16
Equity Income 109.10 116.10 +0.10 3.20
UK Tactical Allocn 60.09 63.81 -0.24 3.48
European 117.80 125.30 +0.30 0.60
Far Eastern 255.50 271.80 -0.80 ..
Fixed Interest 56.89 60.40 +0.05 6.46
Gilt 99.64 105.70 -0.50 5.60
Global Growth 84.08 89.45 -0.05 0.29
Intl Bond 57.36 60.91 +0.06 4.56
Japanese 79.75 84.84 -0.52 ..
North American 159.90 170.10 +0.20 0.24
Pacific Growth 134.80 143.40 +1.70 ..
UK Index 67.06 70.78 -0.07 2.57
UK Recovery 98.98 105.30 +1.00 1.44
UK Smaller Cos 134.90 143.50 +0.10 0.95
US Index 61.48 64.89 -0.08 1.65
European Index 74.82 78.97 +0.09 1.38
Japan Index 43.79 46.22 -0.22 ..
Worldwide 90.75 96.54 -0.03 1.00

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Growth 51.42 54.99 -0.07 3.01
Income 63.15 67.90 -0.05 3.50
Far East 62.76 67.12 -0.22 ..
North American 105.80 113.20 -0.40 ..
Global 106.30 114.10 ... 0.60
European 90.41 96.63 +0.51 0.81
Japan 119.20 127.50 -0.50 ..
Intl Currency Bd 61.02 64.72 -0.11 5.88
SE Asia 130.70 139.80 -1.10 0.67
UK Cap Growth 98.97 105.90 +0.10 1.74

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-do- Acc 817.80 870.00 +0.90 2.31
Contl Euro Gth 64.25 67.64 +0.56 0.82
-do- Acc 68.44 72.05 +0.59 0.82
Extra Inc 275.80 293.50 +0.50 3.21
-do- Acc 691.30 735.50 +1.10 3.21
German Gth 122.60 129.10 -0.20 0.10
-do- Acc 128.60 135.40 -0.20 0.10
Growth Port 586.60 624.10 +1.00 0.14
-do- Acc 591.60 629.40 +1.00 0.14
Income 524.30 557.80 +0.90 3.11
-do- Acc 1367.0 1455.0 +2.00 3.11
Income Port 543.60 578.70 +1.00 3.52
-do- Acc 559.10 594.80 +1.10 3.52
Japan Growth 111.80 119.00 -0.80 ..
-do- Acc 112.20 119.40 -0.90 ..
Master Trust 62.40 66.39 +0.08 0.97
-do- Acc 68.70 73.09 -0.09 0.97
N American Gen 205.20 218.30 -0.20 ..
-do- Acc 237.10 252.30 -0.30 ..
Nam Sm Co Rec 156.80 166.90 -2.80 ..
-do- Acc 160.10 170.40 -2.80 ..
Pacific Basin 301.90 321.20 -0.70 0.20
-do- Acc 320.30 340.80 -0.60 0.20
Small Cos Rec 386.50 406.90 -11.30 1.76
-do- Acc 507.80 534.40 -14.90 1.76
UK Growth 92.29 98.19 +0.11 1.88
-do- Acc 109.60 116.70 +0.20 1.88
Worldwide Gth 347.60 369.50 -0.40 0.13
-do- Acc 512.70 545.50 -0.70 0.13

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General 93.63 100.46 +0.04 2.30
Income 75.32 80.82 +0.21 4.40
International 69.16 74.21 +0.04 0.70
Japan 59.64 63.99 -0.17 ..
Tst of Inv Trusts 74.36 79.79 -0.15 1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390
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Amer Recovery 481.90 509.50 -1.50 0.24
Amer Smllr Cos 138.20 146.10 +0.10 ..
Australasian 187.30 198.10 +1.20 1.07
Capital 858.80 908.20 +4.40 1.93
Charifund 757.00 764.60 +1.60 4.77
Commodity 404.80 428.10 +4.10 0.35
Compound Grth 980.50 1036.9 +3.10 2.23
Dividend 43.40 45.90 +0.10 3.85
Equity Income 376.30 397.90 -0.10 4.34
Euro & General 516.90 546.60 +1.70 0.49
Euro Dividend 74.60 78.40 +0.30 3.23
Extra Yield 457.20 483.50 -1.20 4.06
Far Eastern 403.30 426.50 -1.50 0.18
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General 65.30 69.10 -0.40 3.37
Gilt Income 68.00 68.12 +0.27 6.39
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High Income 31.20 33.00 -0.10 4.04
Intl Growth 92.90 97.60 -0.20 0.68
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Japan & Gen 50.41 53.30 -0.40
Japan Smlr Cos 176.40 186.50 -0.40
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Midland 69.60 73.60 -0.23 2.32
Pension Ex 1007.7 1032.9 +5.70 3.55
Recovery 45.41 48.00 +0.20 1.93
Second General 77.00 81.40 -0.40 2.08
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Treasury 25.08 25.11 ... 4.73
Trustee 46.40 49.10 -0.20 3.74

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High Income 316.80 337.00 -0.60 4.62
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Intl Equity Growth 73.48 78.17 -0.07 0.30
N Amer Growth 100.93 107.37 -0.37 0.14
Special Sits Growth 23.93 25.45 +0.08 1.50
UK Growth 400.10 425.60 -1.00 2.30

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
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Clnt Investors 1351.1 1344.4 .. 2.57

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Maldon General 150.80 154.20 .. 3.64

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Gilt & Fxd Int 197.90 197.80 -0.80 6.90
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North American 189.20 202.40 -0.10 0.32
Far East 299.10 319.90 -0.20 0.77
UK Smaller Cos 185.40 198.30 +0.90 1.30
European 82.57 88.02 -0.04 0.20
Japanese Growth 49.42 52.92 -0.25 ..
Managed Pfolio 72.75 77.25 -0.05 1.30
High Income 201.10 215.10 .. 1.78

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-do- Accum 181.60 193.10 -3.12 1.56
UK Sel Pfolio 137.70 146.50 .. 1.66
-do- Accum 157.00 167.00 .. 1.66

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Nth American 61.25 65.02 -0.10 0.71
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Charities 127.70 135.40 +0.40 3.16
Japan 59.59 63.26 -0.55 ..
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UK Growth 95.90 101.90 .. 0.53

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American Opps 94.98 101.20 -0.50
(Accum Units) 96.00 102.40 +0.40
British Blue Chip 74.09 78.15 -0.07 2.40
(Accum Units) 101.90 108.40 +0.10 2.80
Cash 100.40 100.40 ... 4.99
(Accum Units) 125.10 133.10 ... 4.69
Emerging Mkt 145.70 156.70 +1.30 ..
European Growth 256.10 271.90 +0.80 0.59
(Accum Units) 275.70 292.73 +0.80 0.59
European Income 88.56 93.84 +0.21 2.61
(Accum Units) 116.00 122.90 +0.20 2.60
General 558.20 595.20 +0.90 2.03
(Accum Units) 1068 1129 +2.00 2.03
Global Bond 134.70 141.60 -0.30 5.62
(Accum Units) 155.10 163.10 -0.30 5.62
Gold & General 195.90 210.50 +1.30 0.45
(Accum Units) 200.30 215.30 +1.40 0.45
Govt Securities 100.70 103.80 +0.10 0.85
(Accum Units) 186.60 192.40 +0.10 6.95
Income 164.40 175.00 ... 3.89
(Accum Units) 249.40 265.40 -0.10 3.99
International 476.70 507.70 +1.50 0.55
(Accum Units) 635.70 677.20 +2.10 0.55
Japan 202.40 215.00 -1.30 ..
(Accum Units) 208.20 222.40 -1.40 ..
New Europe 183.80 196.10 +0.80 1.32
(Accum Units) 188.20 200.70 +0.90 1.32
Pacific 143.90 153.10 -2.10 0.53
(Accum Units) 152.60 162.40 -2.30 0.53
Recovery 369.30 393.90 +6.00 2.28
(Accum Units) 468.20 499.40 +7.50 2.28
UK Smaller Cos 65.78 70.16 +0.37 1.55
(Accum Units) 73.87 78.79 +0.42 1.55
Portfolio 86.71 92.21 +0.05 2.46
(Accum Units) 99.53 105.80 ... 2.46

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UK Equity Inc 192.90 205.70 +0.10 2.85
UK Ind Trckr Inc 169.60 181.30 +0.30 2.49
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 204.90 217.30 -0.40 1.40
Japan Tracker 80.44 85.19 -0.36 ..
Asian Trader 241.30 260.80 +1.50 0.82
Managed Inc 157.30 169.20 +0.40 1.34
Deposit Inc 99.96 99.94 +0.01 4.11
Europa 179.90 192.90 -0.70 ..
Genesis 167.40 182.10 -0.10 ..
High Income 24.14 25.59 +0.07 10.00

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Acumen Inc 96.81 98.85 +0.20 2.12
Acumen Reserve 88.98 89.88 +0.40 6.59
-do- Inc 81.16 81.98 +0.36 6.59
Americas Growth 187.20 192.50 ... 1.33
Cash Income 49.58 50.08 ... 4.46
Equity Income 106.40 109.30 +0.30 4.19
European 77.16 78.46 +0.44 0.76
Smaller Cos 85.99 89.61 +0.09 0.86
Olympiad 72.99 74.92 -0.05 0.02
Global Bond 49.37 49.91 ... 0.00
UK Growth 97.13 99.93 +0.28 1.45
Pacific Growth 120.50 124.70 +0.30 ..
Japan Growth 100.10 102.00 -0.40 ..

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Open Cap Gth Inc 115.50 122.80 +0.70 1.30
NM Unit Trusts
American 46.39 49.42 -0.03 1.59
Australian 371.70 398.80 -2.80 ..
Conscience 79.02 84.33 -0.02 0.42
European 206.20 219.30 -0.60 0.68
Extra Income 81.65 87.13 -0.07 5.09
Gilt & FI 61.78 65.20 -0.19 5.67
Gold 68.89 70.63 +0.62 ..
Income 60.69 64.73 -0.07 3.59
Intnl 34.66 37.06 -0.04 0.67
Jap Smaller Cos 373.70 398.60 -0.50 ..
Sing & Malaysian 253.50 271.80 -0.20 ..
Smaller Cos 33.09 35.56 -0.05 0.56
Special Sits 39.55 42.52 +0.03 1.44
Sterling Deposit 100.50 100.50 ... 4.50
Tokyo 89.53 95.49 -0.23 ..
UK Equity 187.30 199.70 -0.30 2.48
US Smaller Cos 119.70 128.00 +0.90 ..

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UK Income 118.80 126.40 -0.10 3.12
Gilt & Fixed Int 79.41 84.04 +0.22 6.01
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Smaller Cos 91.61 97.68 +0.18 1.34
International 106.30 113.10 +0.20 1.16

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European Dist 109.60 117.20 +1.50 ..
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Global Care Dist 78.01 83.43 -0.16 2.28
Oseas Dist 1068.8 1143.1 +3.20 0.33
UK Dist 368.30 393.90 -0.50 1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist 82.48 88.21 -0.01 3.43
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Wwide Inc Dist 75.12 80.34 +0.28 1.88

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Europe Inc 63.26 66.76 +0.28 0.39
Fund of Funds Inc 61.50 64.91 +0.02 0.51
North America Inc 52.06 54.94 -0.08 0.05
UK Equity Grth Inc 64.37 67.94 -0.14 1.52
UK General Inc 62.69 66.16 -0.17 1.83
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc 52.06 54.80 +0.04 6.00
UK Income Inc 63.84 67.38 -0.15 2.29

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Global 369.80 393.41 ... 1.04
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Bond 137.17 145.64 ... 6.03
Growth 134.89 143.29 ... 1.55
Intrepid 130.54 135.98 ... 1.70

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UK Equity Income 143.27 152.42 -0.19 3.31
UK Smaller Cos 133.79 142.33 +0.03 1.24
UK Equity Growth 137.01 145.76 -0.24 2.45
UK Index Trckg 149.54 159.08 -0.83 2.93
Intl Index Trckg 149.16 158.68 -0.24 0.99
International 243.38 258.92 -0.33 0.61
European 187.66 199.64 -1.09 0.33
Pan European 132.94 141.43 -0.18 1.11
Nth American 164.97 175.50 -0.13 0.44
N Amer Smlr Cos 189.50 201.60 -0.20 ..
Japanese 100.69 107.12 -0.65 ..
Pacific 260.69 277.33 -0.35 ..
South East Asian 288.45 306.86 -0.78 0.18
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Gilt & Convertible 114.62 121.85 -0.18 6.67
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Income 258.90 275.40 -0.10 2.95
Intl Equity 261.00 277.70 -0.20 0.53
UK Income 71.12 75.66 +0.09 2.55
UK Intl 25 82.74 88.02 -0.04 1.50
New Europe 76.51 81.38 +0.11 0.28

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Income 368.50 394.12 +0.32 2.58
Wwide Recovery 403.29 431.33 +1.74 0.23
Amer Growth Inc 235.63 252.02 +1.03 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 271.55 290.41 +1.15 0.07
Far Estn Grth Inc 317.82 339.92 -0.30 0.01
Euro Gwth Inc 148.48 158.81 +1.21 0.55
UK Growth Inc 94.08 100.63 -0.01 2.12
High Income 101.43 108.49 -0.09 3.40
Jap Gwth Inc 239.80 254.76 -1.08 0.01
PEP Growth 126.20 134.98 +0.40 0.72
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Amer Smlr Co Inc 146.35 156.53 +0.52 0.01
Global Bond 64.58 68.06 +0.12 5.35
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European 71.88 76.47 .. 0.25
Global 72.56 78.25 +0.14 ..
Pacific 72.14 76.74 -0.16 0.05
UK Inc & Grth 70.62 75.13 +0.24 1.91

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PYI Director Dlgs 110.16 117.22 +0.41 .

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Principal Tst 143.28 152.75 -0.16 1.84

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Conv & Gilt 129.60 137.40 +0.10 5.04
European Income 79.21 84.26 +0.25 2.28
Extra Income 167.10 177.80 -0.10 3.38
Far East 431.40 458.90 -2.00 0.00
Global Income 29.11 30.97 +0.07 4.03
High Income 128.10 136.30 -1.30 3.73
International 223.70 238.00 -0.30 0.36
Pref & Fxd Int 42.98 45.91 -0.05 6.90
Recovery 88.25 93.88 -0.04 1.56
Special Sits 116.80 124.20 +0.30 1.36
Technology 354.20 376.80 -0.30 ..
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International 96.73 102.93 -0.05 0.66
Gilt 28.95 29.78 +0.02 6.98
Income & Gwth 80.20 85.43 -0.25 3.61
European 54.29 57.75 +0.35 1.11
American 56.15 59.73 +0.17 0.05
Emerging Mkts 107.71 114.58 -0.10 0.44
UK Smaller Cos 34.82 37.04 +0.04 1.40
Gilt/Fixed Interest 28.48 30.50 +0.07 5.18
Global PEP 42.05 44.73 +0.10 1.40

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Nth American Inc 119.50 123.50 -0.50 0.12
Worldwide Inc 177.80 187.20 -0.30 0.67
Hong Kong Inc 179.50 194.20 -1.20 0.80
Swiss Equities Inc 70.03 75.08 -0.11 0.34
Wwide Bond Inc 66.98 71.64 -0.06 6.21
Emging Asia Inc 226.90 242.30 -1.08 0.37
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Thailand Inc 162.90 176.10 -0.30 0.75
Gold Trust Inc 86.59 93.48 -2.00 0.19
New Zealand Inc 98.97 105.80 +0.10 0.65
Int Mngd PEP Inc 70.41 75.71 -0.27 3.54
Latin Am Cmp Inc 109.20 116.80 -1.30 0.03
UK All Sh Mkt Inc 83.51 88.07 -0.05 1.89
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Global Opps 76.29 81.59 +0.12 0.43
Marsh Global Grth 73.37 77.80 +0.17 1.78
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Tech Analysis 113.30 121.00 ... 0.74
Rosebery Growth 49.34 50.08 +0.97 ..
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European Gth 99.67 109.80 +0.80 0.42
Income & Gth 148.30 157.80 +0.80 2.36
Japan Gth 128.80 136.40 -0.20 ..
Nth Amer Gth 123.20 131.10 -0.20 ..
Overseas Gth 92.28 98.15 +0.11 ..

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Managed Tst 38.32 40.98 ... 1.32
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Global Growth 94.22 100.76 -0.09 0.80
Equity Inc 91.73 98.10 -0.98 3.19
Equity 774.53 828.39 -0.27 2.10
European 213.45 228.28 +0.08 0.77
High Income 99.47 106.38 -0.03 3.82
Intl Grth 189.89 203.09 -0.24 0.93
Intl Sm Co 84.01 89.85 -0.11 0.21
Japanese 212.18 226.93 -2.00 ..
Nth Amer 165.73 177.25 -0.41 0.68
Pacific Mkts 113.25 121.12 +0.84 0.69
Premier Inc 52.91 55.08 +0.19 5.84
Sm Cos 100.06 107.03 +0.21 1.74
Spec Sits 117.66 125.82 -0.09 1.93
UK Growth 128.27 137.18 -0.23 1.89

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FA America (Acc) 634.77 676.74 -1.23 0.55
FA UK Equity Inc 172.67 184.60 +0.60 2.93
FA Japan 288.74 307.79 -1.16 ..
FA Major UK Cos 102.84 109.90 -0.08 1.94
FA Smllr UK Cos 325.92 353.53 +0.92 0.73
FA European 318.16 336.65 +0.74 0.57
FA Amer Smllr Cos 48.64 52.07 -0.06 ..
FA Asia 57.47 61.94 +0.37 ..
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RAM Personal Pension
UK Major Cos 101.03 106.34 -0.06 ..
UK Smllr Cos 92.01 96.84 +0.24 ..
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European 100.87 106.17 +0.23 ..
Gilt 90.17 94.91 +0.54 ..
Deposit 79.45 83.63 +0.01 ..
Managed 104.19 109.66 +0.14 ..
RAM FSAVC Scheme
UK Major Cos 98.59 103.77 -0.06 ..
UK Smaller Cos 90.13 94.87 +0.26 ..
UK Income 97.01 102.11 +0.33 ..
America 106.16 111.74 -0.20 ..
Japanese 61.81 65.06 -0.24 ..
European 98.48 103.66 +0.24 ..
Gilt 88.79 93.45 +0.33 ..
Deposit 75.96 79.95 +0.02 ..
Managed 98.93 104.13 +0.17 ..

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Pacific Basin 90.23 96.85 +0.34 ..
High Inc Dist 139.70 148.50 +0.20 4.08
Ryl Life Int Cnvy 63.49 67.52 +0.02 3.53
Ryl Life Intl Grth 71.08 75.87 -0.07 0.31
Ryl Life Intl Spec 65.74 69.93 -0.01 ..
UK Emerging Cos 131.20 141.80 +0.30 1.33
UK Index Trckg 176.80 188.10 -0.90 2.94
European 125.90 135.01 +0.70 0.28
Managed 152.60 164.10 +0.40 0.76

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Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400
American Growth 155.30 164.40 ... 0.27
European Growth 112.00 118.40 +0.80 0.48
Far East Growth 147.90 157.40 -2.00 ..
Japan Growth 153.00 162.60 -0.30 ..
Special Sits 215.70 229.40 +0.90 1.13
UK Growth 82.80 88.08 +0.56 1.63
Triton General 250.90 267.00 +0.40 0.27

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Gtr Euro Prog Inc 358.80 379.70 -2.60 0.01
Growth Inc 134.70 142.50 +1.00 0.20
International Inc 349.70 370.10 +2.70 0.10
Nth Am & Intl Inc 335.40 354.90 +1.00 0.09
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Amer Smllr Cos 87.83 93.43 +0.69 ..
Asian Gwth 124.92 132.89 -0.75 0.75
European Gwth 72.03 76.62 +0.43 1.00
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Global Eq 72.03 76.62 +0.41 0.50
Japanese Eq 61.03 64.93 -0.18 ..
Japan Sm Cos 72.29 76.90 -0.09 ..
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UK Gwth 63.94 68.03 +0.20 1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966
Amer Inc & Gwth 74.18 78.91 -0.07 3.70
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Asian Smaller Cos 63.48 67.53 +0.08 ..
Capital Portfolio 140.70 149.70 +1.00 1.61
Capital 175.30 186.50 +1.00 0.93
Cash 121.90 121.90 ... 5.09
China Dragon 76.05 80.90 +1.08 0.62
Commodity 138.50 147.30 +2.10 0.53
Eastern Discovery 123.10 131.00 -0.60 ..
Energy Inds 123.80 131.70 -0.20 0.16
European Gwth 199.20 211.90 -1.10 0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth 82.61 87.88 +0.23 1.42
Euro Smllr Cos 54.21 57.67 +0.55 ..
Financial Secs 216.80 230.40 +0.40 0.53
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 54.56 57.61 -0.10 7.37
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High Return 249.30 265.80 +0.60 2.49
High Yield 246.90 262.70 +1.10 3.19
Income 130.30 138.60 +0.40 3.96
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ITU 227.40 241.90 +1.70 0.48
Japan Growth 179.10 190.50 -0.90 ..
Japan Smaller 207.40 220.60 -0.30 ..
Korea 86.84 92.38 -0.80 ..
Masterfund 58.62 62.36 -0.23 0.72
Scotbits 322.30 342.90 +0.90 0.83
Scotshares 310.60 331.50 +1.70 1.49
Scotyields 254.20 270.40 -2.60 2.94
Select Intl 154.20 164.00 +0.30 0.50
Smaller Cos Inc 277.10 294.80 +0.90 3.26
SE Asia 690.10 734.10 +9.20 ..
Special Situation 132.10 140.50 +0.60 0.49
UK Equity 260.90 277.60 -0.30 2.37
UK Growth 71.57 76.14 -0.33 1.52
UK Smllr Cos Gwth 52.07 55.39 +0.06 0.96
US Growth 154.50 164.40 -0.10 0.10
Univ Growth 154.00 163.80 -0.30 0.13

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Retail Funds
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Australian .. ..
European Gwth 76.57 81.58 +1.08 0.54
Euro Smllr Cos 73.89 78.61 -0.34 0.06
Far Eastern Gth 106.77 113.88 -1.15 ..
Gilt & Fixed Int 57.94 61.08 -0.17 6.75
Global Bond 55.38 57.23 -0.07 5.09
Global Emer Mkts 66.89 71.34 +0.30 0.59
Income 390.73 416.77 +1.04 3.10
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Japan Enterprise 74.09 79.02 ... ..
Pacific Gwth 148.37 158.26 -0.30 ..
Seoul 60.82 65.39 -0.29 ..
Smaller Cos 234.40 250.02 +0.18 0.48
Tokyo 126.40 134.82 -0.17 ..
UK Enterprise 263.02 280.55 -0.45 1.87
UK Equity 257.38 274.53 -0.58 2.15
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World Fd 85.80 91.52 +0.34 1.61
Institutional Funds
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Euro Smllr Cos 30.08 31.33 -0.08 1.46
Global Equity Inc 81.85 85.05 +0.01 0.54
Japan Smllr Cos 39.24 40.87 -0.11 0.05
Mngd Balanced 198.66 206.93 +1.13 2.29
Overseas Equity 195.23 203.36 +0.29 0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos 130.28 135.70 -0.14 0.24
Pacific 284.02 295.85 -1.14 0.62
Recovery 2124.6 2213.2 +10.41 2.22
UK Index 165.24 172.12 -0.62 2.54
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Equity Trust 63.60 67.83 -0.57 2.01
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European Opps 88.40 94.15 +0.63 0.49
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Maximum Income 97.92 100.44 -0.01 4.08
Japanese 80.24 85.46 -0.36 0.01
Asia Pacific 145.12 154.55 -0.32 0.47
American 111.97 119.25 +0.74 0.16

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
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Cash 29.91 29.91 ... 4.767
UK General Inc 56.05 59.79 -0.02 2.14
Intl Income 297.70 317.60 +0.30 2.86
European 78.26 82.98 +0.44 1.20
Japan 72.73 77.22 -0.72 0.04
American 70.49 74.90 -0.04 1.73
Far East 103.13 110.00 -0.30 0.45
Ethical Inc 34.08 36.45 +0.03 1.48
UK Blue Chip Inc 34.99 37.39 +0.08 2.30
High Inc Inc 40.27 42.95 +0.03 3.04
UK Global Inc 43.04 45.99 +0.07 1.09
Wwide Tact 82.22 87.93 -0.10 0.15
Europe 2000 Tact 55.27 58.66 +0.49 0.90
Technology 109.20 116.46 +0.49 0.23

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UK Equity 408.00 435.60 -0.60 2.35
American 284.10 301.60 -0.10 0.49
Pacific 431.00 461.00 -0.70 0.46
European 548.60 586.70 +1.50 0.62
Worldwide 99.58 106.50 +0.10 0.65

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
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UK Equity Inc 292.30 311.00 .. 1.78
UK Sir Co Eq Inc 225.00 239.40 -0.30 1.21
Select Opptnty Inc 74.90 80.11 -0.16 1.61
Income Plus Inc 78.45 83.46 -0.10 3.34
European Inc 358.10 381.00 +1.40 0.96
Far Eastern Inc 194.00 207.10 -0.20 0.55
Japanese Inc 67.21 71.50 -0.06 ..
Nth American Inc 265.30 282.30 -0.30 0.39
Intl Growth Inc 220.50 234.60 -0.30 0.70
Wwide Venture Inc 86.25 91.76 +0.10 0.76

SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD
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Equity Growth Inc 25.72 27.53 ... 2.40
Intl Growth Inc 33.21 35.55 +0.02 0.56
Market Leaders Inc 24.41 26.13 +0.01 2.41

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724
Equity Inc 401.00 427.70 +2.70 2.53
UK High Inc 207.30 221.10 +1.40 3.25
Europe Inc 350.10 373.40 +3.10 0.65
Nth Amer Inc 227.50 242.70 -0.70 ..
Global Inc 225.80 240.80 +0.40 0.86
UK Spec Sits Inc 114.80 122.40 +0.50 2.56
South East Asia 249.90 266.50 -0.10 1.87
Cash Trust Inc 100.80 100.80 ... 4.46
UK Smllr Cos Inc 118.40 126.30 +0.30 1.44
Intl Bond Inc 101.00 107.30 +0.10 5.86

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Sector Recovery 180.40 189.50 -0.40 3.52

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
European 128.60 135.40 +0.50 0.76
Nth American 109.80 115.60 ... 0.41
Intl Bond & Conv 139.50 146.80 +0.20 4.22
Pooled Pension (£) 198.90 212.80 .. ..
Smaller Cos 78.16 82.27 +0.21 1.05
UK General 139.70 147.00 +0.20 1.76

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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Income 449.62 478.32 -2.00 3.86
Global Inc 72.48 77.11 -0.10 2.43
Brit Leaders 354.77 377.41 -1.09 2.13
Intl Leaders 217.11 230.97 +0.19 0.58
PAM Mg Bal Grth 69.04 71.73 +0.21 0.89

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
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European ‡ 134.40 ... +1.60 ..
Global Bond ‡ 106.90 ... -0.10 6.97
Samurai ‡ 94.13 ... -0.69 ..
UK Growth ‡ 122.00 ... +0.80 3.25
Tai Pan ‡ 115.30 ... -1.60 ..

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
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American 310.70 328.70 +0.30 0.30
Canadian 83.26 88.10 -0.02 0.18
Capital 143.10 153.40 +0.10 0.85
Cash 101.68 101.68 +0.01 4.67
European 138.10 146.10 +1.10 0.19
Far Eastern 186.00 196.80 -2.30 ..
Growth 157.10 166.20 +0.40 0.78
Income 141.60 149.80 +0.70 4.07
Magnum 153.50 164.60 +0.10 0.89
Smllr Secs 405.80 429.40 +1.90 0.34
Thoroughbred 177.80 190.90 +0.40 0.71

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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Cash 50.10 50.60 +0.01 4.03
Cntrld Prfmnce 62.36 66.52 +0.04 7.00
Ethical 63.84 67.91 +0.16 2.80
European Growth 74.42 79.38 -0.04 2.10
Income 61.39 65.48 +0.05 5.00
Intl Growth 101.40 108.10 +0.10 2.40
Managed 85.28 90.96 -0.05 3.00
UK Growth 67.04 71.51 -0.02 3.30

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777
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UK Equity Gth Acc 78.17 83.06 +0.30 0.98
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-do- High Inc Acc 50.40 53.55 +0.50 2.81
UK Equity Gen Acc 66.11 70.25 +0.30 1.75
UK Equity Gen Inc 49.83 52.95 +0.40 1.75
UK Lrgr Co Acc 468.30 497.30 +3.60 3.04
UK Lrgr Co Inc 347.70 377.30 +2.70 3.04
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 34.31 36.29 +0.10 5.60
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 322.00 349.40 -1.80 1.15
Nth American Acc 46.65 49.57 -0.20 0.59
Far East Acc 71.65 76.13 -1.00 0.06
European Acc 51.49 54.71 +0.40 0.90

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
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Global A (NZ$) 3.974 4.220 ... 1.24
US Eqts (US$) 2.377 2.524 ... 0.63
Far East Eqts (yen) 246.30 261.60 ..
Japan Eqties (yen) 252.40 268.10 ..
FT Europe 133.90 142.10 ... 1.70
FT N Amer (US$) 1.798 1.906 ... 1.16
FT Japan (yen) 235.00 249.60 ..
FT Asia ExJap (US$) 2.666 2.831 ... 0.72

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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British 1147.7 1234.3 +2.70 3.00
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European 524.60 558.70 ... 0.52
Japan 165.00 175.40 -0.30 ..
New Pacific 436.20 464.50 +0.50 0.64
Investment Tst 248.40 263.30 -0.20 0.92
Mngd Equity 189.30 200.80 -0.20 1.30
Mngd Cash 95.85 95.85 +0.01 4.64
Majority Sits 99.88 100.88 ... 4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 380
Equity 892.80 954.90 -0.70 2.34
North America 137.30 146.80 +1.00 0.37
Far East 164.90 176.40 -0.90 ..
Wwide Bond 62.65 68.72 -0.18 4.70
European 106.40 113.80 -0.30 ..
Equity Income 102.10 109.20 .. 3.37
Portfolio 92.80 99.25 -0.01 0.49
UK Leading Cos 63.06 67.08 -0.09 2.73
Broker Trusts
Intnl Equity 74.30 79.46 +0.20 ...

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
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American Growth 36.53 39.08 +0.04 0.46
Managed Assets 136.75 146.26 +0.18 2.45
UK Income 42.61 45.58 +0.05 2.44
UK Growth 41.99 44.91 +0.02 1.90
Worldwide Growth 36.83 39.40 +0.05 0.24

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Master Portfolio 52.97 56.65 -0.10 ..
Cap Protector Inc 46.06 49.26 +0.07 2.19
UK Income Inc 57.45 61.44 +0.18 2.49
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 35.08 37.52 +0.10 3.33
Mngd High Yld Inc 87.87 93.98 +0.11 3.44
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc 83.80 89.63 +0.25 2.46
Mngd Wwide Gth 39.92 42.69 +0.09 ..
UK Smaller Cos 38.42 41.09 +0.06 1.45
Pacific Grth Port 50.55 54.06 +0.31 ..

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Equity Dist 589.00 623.30 -0.50 1.84
Fixed Int Dist 127.60 132.30 +0.10 6.84
UK Indx Trck Dist 140.90 149.10 -0.30 2.53

TSB UNIT TRUSTS
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American 229.72 244.39 -0.46 ..
Brit Growth 100.80 107.24 -0.93 1.58
European 113.61 120.86 -0.24 0.18
Extra Income 219.14 233.12 +0.05 3.46
Smaller Cos 82.96 88.26 +0.31 0.69
General 312.01 331.92 -0.28 1.87
Premier Income 56.65 59.01 +0.15 5.91
Income 383.11 407.57 -0.45 2.70
Pacific 457.26 486.45 -1.25 ..
International 583.39 620.62 +0.01 0.06
Nat Resources 181.65 193.25 -0.01 0.04
Sectl Opps 121.54 129.30 -0.26 0.76
Environmental Inv 68.46 72.83 +0.64 1.37
Selector 70.50 75.00 -0.03 1.90
High Income 71.81 76.39 ... 4.00
Intl Income 64.03 68.11 -0.04 4.51
Selector Income 68.16 72.51 +0.03 4.58

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NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355
British 361.00 379.90 -0.30 2.35

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Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000
Glob Growth Inc 211.64 226.56 +0.38 1.44
Glob Balncd Inc 180.34 192.87 -0.29 2.49
Value Tst Inc 127.23 136.08 +0.08 1.31

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001
Amer Smllr Cos 70.53 75.23 -0.06 ..
European Opps .. ..
Dresdner Eur Bd 42.23 45.46 -0.07 8.34
Japan Tst 91.46 97.44 -0.10 ..
Little Dragons 114.36 121.98 +1.22 0.38
Oriental Income 52.83 56.35 +0.16 4.37
Tiger 321.30 342.72 +3.66 0.45
UK Blue Chip 67.71 72.29 -0.11 2.21
UK Smllr Cos 111.38 119.12 +0.31 1.61
Formerly AEtna
Nth Amer Gwth 235.82 250.87 +1.16 0.65
European Growth 285.71 303.06 +1.48 1.07
Exempt 573.86 590.03 +0.59 3.25
Far Eastern .. ..
UK High Yield 115.54 122.91 -0.01 3.11
Iberian Growth 50.72 53.96 -0.24 ..
Intl Growth 115.94 123.51 +0.36 0.05
Preference 133.58 142.11 +0.13 7.60
UK Recovery 294.39 313.18 +0.88 1.38
UK Smlr Cos Div 113.13 120.35 +0.37 4.04
Smaller Cos
UK Growth 551.63 586.84 -0.15 1.96

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5065
Exempt 371.70 391.30 ... 2.61

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 34.54 36.74 +0.28 0.50
Pacific Basin 44.47 47.30 +0.19 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 38.26 40.70 +0.47 ..
Global Bond (US$) 0.9412 0.9804 -0.001 5.83
Penny Share 32.01 34.05 +0.03 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0402
Challenger 104.60 107.00 ..
Short Dtd Gilt 115.40 116.90 -0.20 ..
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.7235 0.7326 +0.000 2.22
Gilt Income 35.48 37.73 +0.12 4.35
Gilt Growth 77.22 80.35 +0.25 ..
City Reserve 52.04 52.04 .. 4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 83.64 88.97 +0.07 1.50

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INFOTECH

IBM is back in the picture

The first portable PC with TV could be on the market soon — and, writes Matthew May, this innovation comes from a division of IBM

For IBM, the company that once had a domination of the computer market in a way unseen in any other industry, times have never been tougher. IBM's fortunes are no longer seen as a barometer of the industry's health.

A seemingly never-ending succession of financial losses and heavy job cuts have plagued the company, and even the announcement that IBM made a profit in the last three months of 1993, after five consecutive quarters of losses, has failed to impress either the stock market or analysts.

But within what is becoming a vast IBM conglomerate of different divisions, and even separate companies wholly owned by IBM, handling everything from personal computers to supercomputers, from software to consultancy, there are some bright spots. One of these is the Thinkpad, a range of portable computers whose success has been such that IBM has been unable to keep supplies up to demand.

This year IBM hopes to sell more than one million Thinkpads.

While IBM's PS/1 range of personal computers has improved considerably, it still suffers from the poor image gained by the indifferent performance and high price of early versions. Although the company's budget range of PCs, the Valuepoint, is selling well, competition is so fierce that profits are small.

> Flat screens are crucial to the future of computers and TV

So the achievement of the Thinkpad is an important breakthrough: IBM finds itself with a computer that is in demand *and* makes a healthy profit (probably two to three times as much as each Valuepoint PC). Moreover, being a portable it is also in the fastest growing part of the market, as customers start looking to buy a single computer for office, home and travel use.

IBM has achieved something else it is not normally noted for in personal computers — innovation. All Thinkpad models include a "Trackpoint" — a clever answer to the problem of what to do about the "mouse", the device used to move a cursor round graphically-based software. While a mouse works well on a desktop, it is often awkward when using a portable out and about.



Watching soap operas on a portable could prove more tempting than spreadsheets

The Trackpoint, which lies in the middle of the keyboard and resembles a matchstick with a blob of sealing wax on top, works better than it looks.

An improved version with better "tactile feedback" is due by the end of the year.

Further innovation is on the way, as IBM starts to promote a TV Tuner option in America and Japan that will turn the Thinkpad into a portable television set with a ten-inch screen. A British version that will work with the PAL television system used in most of Europe is expected to go on sale in May. Although as heavy as a ten-inch portable television set, it will at least be easier to carry around because of the flat screen.

But before you dream of being able to switch from that tiresome spreadsheet calculation to an episode of *Neighbours* on the train home from work, there are, of course, a couple of caveats.

Though the picture quality is impressive for a flat screen when using an external aerial, IBM admits reception on the move will be no better than a portable television, and that can only be generously described as variable.

Initially, prices will be very high. TV Tuner works best only on the top-of-the-range Thinkpads that use the more advanced type of colour screen — known as TFT active matrix — that come with a price tag of more than £3,600.

The TV Tuner itself, which slots into a space under the keyboard and is interchangeable with the floppy disc drive, is expected to cost around £800, high compared to a conventional portable television — although if you have a suitable Thinkpad already, the additional cost is comparable to similarly sized dedicated flat-screen TVs already on sale in Japan.

Prices could "drop sharply" if it is successful, says Nick Eades, the portable computer marketing manager for what is now called the IBM PC company, a division of IBM. Even at £800 or so, Mr Eades is convinced there will be plenty of European customers, although not the same sort of gadget-hungry ones anticipated in Japan.

"One leading high street retailer wants several hundred TV Tuners so that it can broadcast internal television programmes to staff on their portables, and use them to show company videos," he says.

Although at the moment you can only watch television pictures, Mr Eades foresees a time when you will be able to capture and process the TV images on the computer itself.

Flat screens are likely to be crucial to the future success of both computers and, eventually, televisions. In a few years, they are destined to play as important a part on the office desk as in a portable computer, and flat screens will then probably move into the home for what by then will no doubt be integrated television and computer applications.

Here IBM could have an advantage, as it is that rare thing — a non-Japanese company directly involved in their manufacture through Display Technologies, a company which it owns jointly with Toshiba.

IBM already has prototype 16-inch flat screens for desktop use at its research laboratories in Yamato, on the outskirts of Tokyo, and it is now working on a 20-inch version which will include television applications as well as computer power.

IBM's problems won't go away overnight, but the success of the Thinkpad could indicate that the IBM logo on a PC could be becoming *something desirable again*, rather than just proof of an unimaginative corporate purchasing policy.

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The days of trips paid for by a company seeking new staff may be over. **David Guest** looks at the job picture

Interviews enter the video age

Any chance of flying to exotic places for a job interview have been lessened in recent years by the flatness of the job market. Now video technology threatens to reduce it even further.

Just IT, a recruitment consultancy in Camberley, Surrey, has begun presenting applicants to clients on video. The aim is to save interviewers time and money. It could also reduce the number of applicants being flown overseas for final interviews.

Job-seekers are not usually flown around the globe for interviews — more often, the interviewer travels in the opposite direction to hold a series of meetings. But for positions on the Continent, short-listed candidates are occasionally given away-days. Just IT's new service could diminish their chances.

The idea, says Ian Bacon, Just IT's managing director, arose from the conjunction of two exploratory projects. One, video-conferencing, proved not to be cost-effective, but it suggested an answer to questions raised by research into the mechanics of recruitment. Mr Bacon says: "We had talked to about 1,000 companies about their experience of successes and failures in the recruitment process, and a single factor emerged to account for the majority of the failures.

"It was simply that, although a candidate's qualifications might look ideal on paper, at the interview what the client was expecting wasn't there. As many as three out of four people might be rejected at the interview stage because their personalities did not fit."

Mr Bacon claims that in any recruitment programme, a 75 per cent attrition rate at interview on such immediately obvious grounds is a waste of management time. He adds that presentation skills, to which a paper CV can hardly do justice, are increasingly important in information technology. "In the technology job market, companies started to impose more stringent standards as the recession started to bite," he explains. "They were looking for better-qualified candidates. They may be more relaxed now, but IT and business are growing so close together that IT workers must have good presentation and interpersonal skills. The only exception I'd make are what I'd call 'hairy-monster techies'."

Recruitment across international boundaries has traditionally involved agencies making preliminary selections from a short-list assembled by several means: telephone interviews, face-to-face interviews in the candidates' country held by managers flown in from the company looking for staff, or occasionally visits to the host company for a few candidates.

Just IT is now working on a project for the Bank of Bermuda that may spare several IT professionals a trip to an island paradise. "We will interview 20 people and the bank will want to see the best eight," Mr Bacon says.

The video interviews of the eight candidates can be accommodated on a single tape at a cost of about £1,000. "We are cutting through perhaps an hour's worth of management time on the telephone for each applicant, and saving on flights and accommodation."

Eurolink, a recruitment agency that specialises in placing IT professionals in overseas jobs, acknowledges that video interviews may be an option worth considering. But Vanessa Gotelee, of Eurolink, says: "As we build up a relationship with a client over a period of years, we get a good idea of what kind of person will fit in. We have the confidence of our clients that we're not going to pass on unsuitable applicants."

She adds that video loses something in spontaneity compared with a personal interview. "Who can tell how many times a person has been recorded to look good?"

Mr Bacon admits that "we're not going to say 'You're on video — you've got ten minutes to sell yourself.' The exception, he adds, might occur when the client specifically requests that type of recording because selling is part of the job. More often, if technical skills are sought, a candidate will be asked to write a ten-minute script and given the chance to work on it with colleagues. Just IT will also provide proxy interviewers with the technical qualifications to try to tailor a series of video-recorded interviews to client's requirements. "If someone dries up, we can stop them and start again," Mr Bacon says.

It must be reasonable to take precautions on behalf of the interviewees against stage-fright. However confident or accomplished a self-presenter is, a camera can be daunting. On the other hand, it is also possible to freeze unaccountably in an interview, and modern conference telephone techniques make a telephone interview with two or three inquisitors a demanding prospect. The lack of spontaneity about a video-recording could restrict the appeal of the idea.

IT professionals who doubt their television appeal could seek coaching. If they go through Just IT's studios, their recordings remain the property of the client, but they could have one of their own for about £750.

Ms Gotelee comments: "No client has ever asked us for a video, nor have I met a contractor with his or her own video." Mr Bacon, however, predicts that video will grow as an adjunct to CVs. "Already", he says, "it is done by individuals trying to sell themselves at a senior level."

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Presentational skills can be demonstrated by a video, says Ian Bacon, managing director of Just IT

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Richard Griffiths as a vast, trundling Galileo, drawn by Bill Hewison

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews *The Life of Galileo* at the Almeida

Suffering in science

Brecht wrote *Galileo* in 1938, a time when those intellectuals who had not followed *him into exile* were as much the prisoners of an authoritarian regime as ever the great astronomer was of the Inquisition. He revised the play in the wake of a war that had demonstrated in the extremest possible way the human damage that science could inflict. No wonder it has an immediacy unmatched anywhere in his oeuvre. No wonder it resounds so vigorously today.

Jonathan Kent's revival has downs as well as ups; but the ideas fizz across the stage. Take the scene in which a "little monk" inveighs against a cosmology which tells the peasants that the planet is little and local, "a small piece of rock which ceaselessly revolves in empty space round a star which is *in* itself of no special importance". What, he asks, is the meaning of their suffering and patience? How much comfort does Galileo give people like them?

You would expect Brecht to put plenty of energy into the physicist's reply: there is more virtue in impatience than patience; scientific discovery may transform suffering; ignorance suits a power-hungry Vatican; to see the truth and suppress it is a crime; and so on. What is striking is that the dramatist is not content merely to accuse the Church and its representatives of cynicism. He does not minimise the appeal of tradition, certainty, order, security. Galileo may win the argument, but it is a genuine battle, not a walkover.

But already I must be making the play sound offputtingly abstract when it is the opposite. *Galileo* is no more an *impassioned debate about* physics than *Mother Courage* is an impassioned debate about war. The protagonist is too vital, too idiosyncratic for *that. He may* even be Brecht's wry self-portrait: an opportunist, a sensualist and a coward as well as a seeker after truth. There are intimations here of the man who drove women to *suicide and was to kowtow to* Ulbricht after the uprising of 1953 as well as of the dramatist who crusaded against the dying of the light under Hitler.

Richard Griffiths's vast, trundling Galileo passes off the Dutch-invented telescope as his own creation, ingratiates himself with an infant Medici, and grossly misuses his daughter, but always in the hope of replacing Ptolemaic superstition with Copernican *reason. The performance* could be more textured and less strenuous; but it catches the thrill of discovery and, at the end, the misery of moral defeat. The Galileo who *recants after being shown the* instruments of torture is a pathetic figure, a great, moulting bear with all the fight and self-respect whipped out of him.

Brecht said some hard things about Galileo, especially after he had revised the play. He variously accused him of robbing science of its integrity, enshrining it as the creature of the establishment, indirectly creating the A-bomb, *even of* "fanatically hating humanity"; and all because of his self-indulgent, gourmandising personality. But, as often with Brecht, the portrait itself is more complex. *The impression Griffiths* leaves is of a man terminally disappointed in himself yet still a surreptitious rebel. It is one amply justified by the text.

David Hare has translated that text vividly and with an ear for contemporary parallels. Galileo's obsequious proposal to name stars after the nine-year-old Cosimo de Medici is, for instance, nicely described as a piece of astronomical "sponsorship". Tobias *Hoheisel has designed an* imposing yet adaptable set, and there are some classy supporting performances, notably from Edward de Souza, Alfred Burke, Stanley Lebor *and, as a murderously reactionary* cardinal, Michael Gough. Whatever the qualifications, they give us a Brecht whose existence we sometimes forget: not the sermonising know-it-all, but a man who himself comes to us with telescope, notebook and sense of excitement to match.

Bolshoi battles on

ARTS BRIEFING

DRAMA off stage — and on — at the Bolshoi, where the world's most famous ballet company has lost one of its top attractions. The hunky Gendeminas Taranda has parted company with the Bolshoi following differences with its autocratic artistic director, Yuri *Grigorovich.*

In a dramatic on-stage farewell, Taranda announced to a shocked Moscow audience that he had been sacked by the administration *after 13 years. Chaos* reportedly erupted as security guards rushed in to escort Taranda off the stage. The dispute, it seems, was over Taranda's plans to take Bolshoi dancers on private tours abroad. The official explanation for his dismissal was "for absence without valid reasons". Leading Bolshoi *soloists have now signed* letters of protest in his support.

Meanwhile, stars of the Bolshoi Ballet will be doing a little star-gazing of their *own this summer when* their British tour takes them to three castles. The Moscow company is planning a series of gala outdoor engagements in July in the grounds of Castle Howard, Leeds Castle and Highclere Castle near Newbury.

CONCERTS

Northern lights shine in darkness

Music in Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool. By **Gerald Larner**

Of all the scores first performed by the BBC Philharmonic during the past ten years or so, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's Third Symphony must be one of the most distinguished. So it made sense for the same orchestra, with the composer conducting, to feature that work in the Northern Lights festival in Manchester. It made very little sense, however, to present a difficult 50-minute work at the end of a programme which also included Beethoven's Violin Concerto (with Tasmin Little) and a superfluous overture by Cherubini.

The *symphony itself is a* long-term experience: if you can stay with it to the end, through its extended slow finale, the demanding first movement is clarified in retrospect, and both the structural strategy and the expressive motivation have their authentically symphonic effect.

Earlier in the same day, in the BBC concert hall, Peter Lawson had given a well organised and well executed recital of piano music by (in one way or another) Manchester composers. Headed by Alan Rawsthorne's *Ballade*, which is an inspired example of conventional piano writing, it centred on Geoffrey Poole's *Ten*, which is passionate enough to take whatever technique comes to hand and turn it to effective use. Sophisticated craftsmanship was represented by Anthony Gilbert's post-Schoenbergian *Little Pieces* and intelligent minimalism by Paul Robinson's *The Faraday Wheel.*

Few musicians could risk coming to Symphony Hall to conduct the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a popular Sibelius symphony. Paavo Berglund is one of those few. He has been performing these scores since before Simon Rattle was born, and is part of a tradition going back to the composer himself.

His *interpretation of the* Fifth Symphony was more brooding than progressive, and clearly won the respect and emotional commitment of an orchestra which found itself producing darker colours than it is used to and, from time to time, turning a more personal and revealing melodic phrase.

After an affectionate but undercharacterised account of Ravel's *Ma mère l'oye*, the central item in the programme was Dvořák's Cello Concerto. The soloist really needs bigger colour resources than Torleif Thedéen evidently has to offer. But it was an admirably agile performance, consistently well-tuned.

The **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** has suffered much from managerial misfortune in recent years, but in artistic terms it has been remarkably resilient. Now, however, the trauma is having an audible effect.

The major interest of this concert should have been the introduction to this country by Stephen Hough of the Piano Concerto No 2 by the American composer Lowell Liebermann. The work, however, turned out to be such a derivative combination of features associated with (among others) Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Ravel, and Bartók that — cheerfully presented and well-written though it is — three performances in three days seemed a *serious overestimate* of its value.

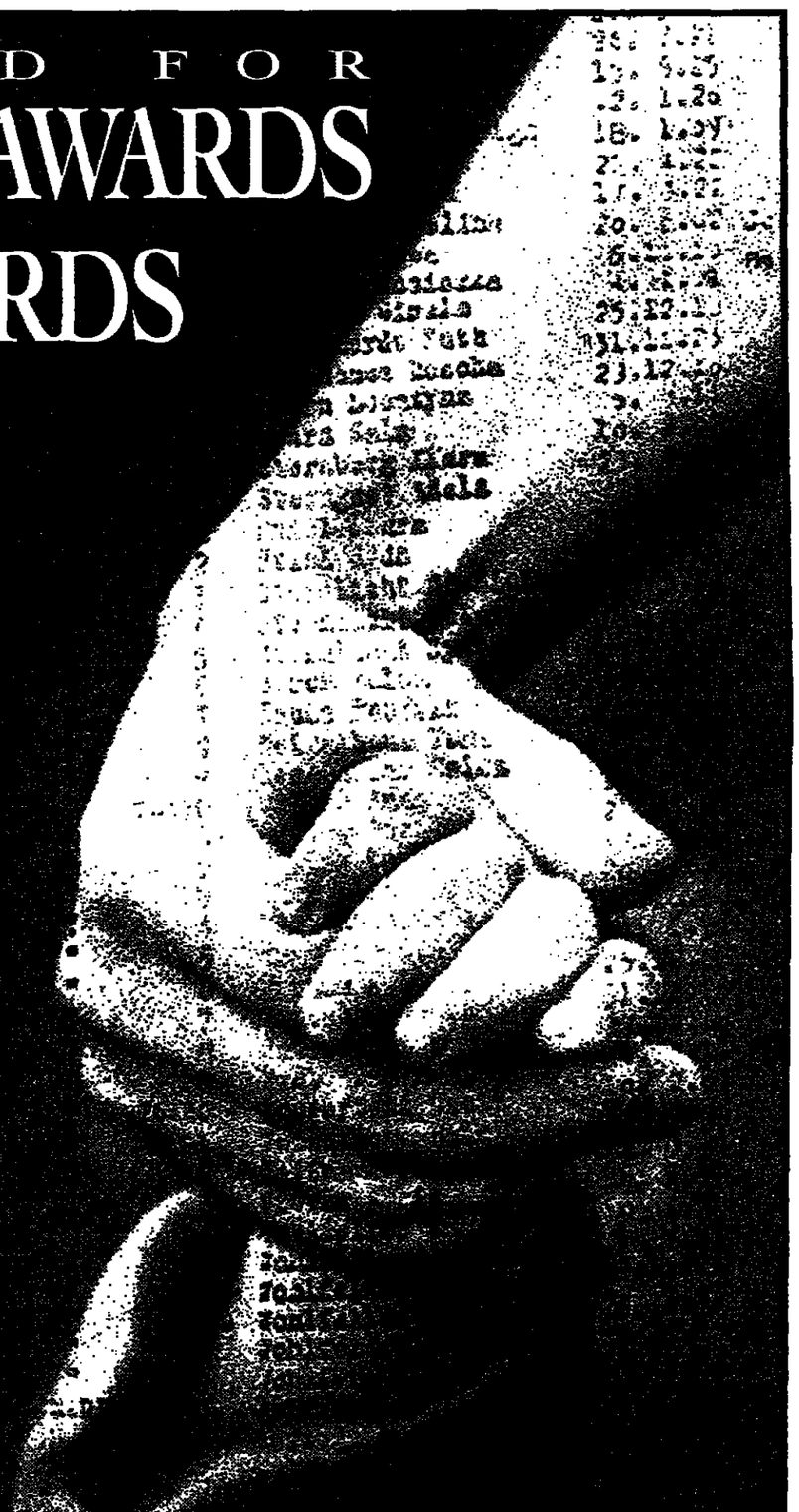
Of the programme's two purely orchestral items, Walton's *Hindemith Variations* was more or less efficiently done under Barry Wordsworth's direction. But it was unpersuasive, unconvincing and lacking in energy. As for Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, the Ravel orchestration was not even efficiently rendered.

This, it is not irrelevant to add, was the second of three *public performances* of the same programme in the same hall. Faced with the imminent departure of its music director and months of banishment to the acoustically discouraging Liverpool Cathedral, the RLPO is not well placed to make a quick recovery.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

RIGOLETTO Nuria Espert's solidly realistic production of Verdi's grim tragedy returns once again to Covent Garden. Gilda is sung by Young-Ok Shin, Leo Nucci is the eponymous doomed jester and Francisco Araiza, the Duke. Simone Young conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tomorrow and Tue, 7.30pm

SPRING LOADED The Place's annual festival of British independent dance presents **Li La Dance Theatre**, a company of 15 artists combining the disciplines of fine art, theatre and dance (tonight). On Sat **Naohiko Umewaka** and **Sureya Hilal** bring together the diverse traditions of Noh Theatre and Raqs Sharqi.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm.

SWEET CHARITY A transfer after its sell-out run at the Man in the Moon, Phil Willmott's production of the 1960s musical blazes with Broadway glitz. With Charlotte Bicknell and Man Wilson.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews tomorrow, Mon and Tue, 8pm. Sun at 5pm. Opens Feb 23

ELSEWHERE

CAMBRIDGE The 1994 **Cambridge University Student Art Exhibition** kicks off this Sunday morning with an eclectic media mix, including painting, sculpture, furniture and costume designs, jewelry, and performance art. John Bellany is the patron this year.
Large Examination Hall, Free School Lane. Sun 10am-5.30pm, week days and Sat, 10am to 8pm. Until Feb 27
Also in Cambridge this weekend, the **Hungarian State Symphony Orchestra** under Ken-Ichiro Kobayashi performs Liszt's *Les Préludes*; Brahms' Violin Concerto and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. With Lydia Mordkovitch.
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (0223 357851). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then at the Derngate, **Northampton** tomorrow (0604 24811)

CARLISLE A programme celebrating the variety of the Baroque style is on offer this evening from Nicholas Kraemer and the **Northern Sinfonia**. Works include Vivaldi, Telemann, JC Bach, Rameau and the concert concludes with Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2.
The Sands Centre, The Sands (0800 591 996). Tonight, 7.30pm.

CHELTENHAM Guilty murderess or beautiful innocent? Daphne du Maurier's gripping **My Cousin Rachel** is set in Cornwall, of course. Co-production with the Derby Playhouse.
Everyman, Regent Street (0242 572573). Tonight, 7.45, Sat 8pm

DERBY Mark Clements's production of **Les Liaisons Dangereuses**, the perfectedly lurid tale of 18th-century villainy corrupting innocence, is described as visually stunning. Designs by Steven Richardson.
Playhouse, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Mar 12, 2.30pm. Until March 19.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life. Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection (071-636 1555) **National Portrait Gallery**, Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World, The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) . **Tate**: Writing on the Wall women artists (071-887 8008) **V & A**: Fabergé: The Golden Age 1730-1760 brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **ANGELS IN AMERICA**: Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics, a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning *Millenium Approaches* is joined by its sequel *Perestroika*.
National (*Cottesloe*), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). *Millenium*: Sat 1pm and Mon 7pm. *Perestroika*: Tonight, Sat, Tue-Thurs, 7pm

□ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF**: See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats (in March) Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19

■ **DEAD FUNNY**: Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their ditto admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm

□ **JANE EYRE**: Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm

■ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19

□ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE**: Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm

■ **THE KITCHEN**: Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls will not be in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Tue, 7pm

◪ **MACBETH**: Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's goodish production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Sat 2pm. Last performances next week.

□ **PIAF**: *Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.*
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE**: Daphne du Maurier's *drama of inappropriate passion* returns to the West End for the first time since 1948 with Susannah York as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law (played by Michael Praed).
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

□ **WAITING FOR GODOT**: Beckett set in a desert in the Levant and performed by two Middle East actors.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4.30pm. Until March 5

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) □ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) . □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . ◪ **Medea**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ◪ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . □ **Relative Values**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041) . . ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . ■ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LA CRISE (15): Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie. Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353)

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18): Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director, Carlo Carlei.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway kid finds *his soulmate: a surly amusement park whale*. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Benign, frivolous comedy stars Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** (PG): Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale from Stephen Herek, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell, Tim Curry and Rebecca De Mornay.
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LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
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CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): An overblown sequel from America's most macabre household, with good stretches. Barry Sonnenfeld directs.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

Scene-painting by numbers



Taking notes: Crowded House, the band who beat Nirvana, U2 and REM to the Best International Band trophy at Monday night's Brit Awards

Like all the best music, Crowded House songs are colour pictures, claims Caitlin Moran. Listen hard and you'll see what she means

As a child, I believed angels *sang the colours* I saw in the sky. I could hear the cobalt blue humming: emerald green harmonising: scarlet screaming out gospel-like and frantic. I believed The Beatles had seen the sunrise on other planets and The Byrds had telescopes trained on Mars. When Jimi Hendrix blew the speakers in the front room, I knew the big bang had gone off in his head, and all he could see was sparks and fire, mercury and madder rose. When I was old enough to decorate my room, I painted the walls in the colours of Cocteau Twins choruses, and the ceiling was daubed with the melancholy paintbox of The Blue Nile.

If you close your eyes, you can see music.

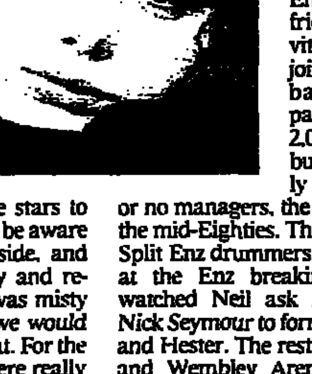
So let me paint you this: a wide sweep of beach, curving as if it's trying to close its arms around the sea. Rocky hills stacked up behind, jumbled and fading in the twilight, occasionally sprouting abstracts with trees and semi-trained jungle. The sun is short-circuiting into the ocean, roaring bloody orange until the moon finally mutes it. The stars come out and do their usual stuff.

This is an album.

Crowded House just painted the scenery that surrounded them.

"We dragged a 64-track mixing desk out to Kare Kare beach in New Zealand, where some friends of mine were living. We built a studio and moved our musical family out into the wilderness. *It was like Mosquito Coast* with guitars," Neil Finn says.

Neil is the singer, songwriter, and general man-with-guitar behind Crowded House, the band who beat Nirvana, U2 and REM to the Best International Band trophy at Monday's Brit Awards shebang. We're backstage at a fairly recent Crowded House gig in Birmingham: Neil is doubling in the Perrier water option, and drummer Paul Hester is lying on the floor, watching *Dr Who* and eating toast.



"Kare Kare is the area where *The Piano* was filmed: the whole place is stuffed with magic," Neil continues.

"We were out standing under waterfalls, running down bushtracks, lying out at night awaiting the stars to light up. All we had to do was be aware of what was happening outside, and get it down on tape, and try and recreate the atmosphere. If it was misty and the world became lost, we would find sounds that suggested that. For the *Together Alone* album, we were really just watching the world happen every day, and taking notes."

Previous Crowded House LPs have been recorded in Los Angeles, The City of the Lost, where vocal tracks would often be interrupted by the sound of gunshots. "In the beginning, when we heard shootings going on, we would *jump around and worry about life* insurance," Paul notes. "But after a while we got really cool about it. 'Ah, that sounds like a Luger. Or is it an AK47?'"

Neil's descent into becoming rich, successful and happy began with family gatherings in New Zealand where "drunken Irish priests would slump in the corner, and my brother Tim and I would be forced to sing by doting aunties."

Having thus been tutored in the ways of rock 'n' roll, Tim formed cult New Zealand band Split Enz with five other friends, and then invited brother Neil to join the party. The band regularly packed out 1,500-2,000 seater venues, but due to alternately having either four or no managers, the band imploded in the mid-Eighties. The last in a series of Split Enz drummers, Paul Hester, was at the Enz breaking-up party and watched Neil ask local bass player *Nick Seymour to form a band with him* and Hester. The rest is multi-platinum and Wembley Arena and the front cover of Q magazine.

Which brings us to the one small problem about Crowded House: apparently, so I have heard, it is not cool to dig the Crowdies. The accusations, based mainly on the chart success of "Weather With You", is that they are too pop, too sugary, and altogether too *adult about the whole ridiculous affair.*

"I would be quite worried about myself if I didn't laugh at the absurdity of it all," Neil giggles. "Being in a band is a stupid thing to do; it's endlessly funny. Perhaps it's because I've been in bands before; but I do see through most of the wrapping and packaging that the music industry has around it. And our albums are a lot more varied than the singles. I was brought up listening to every kind of music: blues, rock, pop, psychedelia. Even jazz, which I hated at the time. Jazz is like whisky — you have to obtain a certain age before you can experience it without wincing."

So with a Brit award on the mantlepiece, and a stadium tour in May, has Neil sunken into debauchery and rock 'n' roll decadence?

"Those things tend to make you look foolish, unfortunately. When I first smoked pot I was 15," Neil says, leaning back and relaxing into anecdote. "I was in a tiny New Zealand village, and the elders decided I was ready to inhale. I was eligible to receive the Sacred Smoke.

"They took me out the back and it was pitchy dark and I watched this little pipe being passed around, this tiny orange glow. It came to me and I lost my nerve completely, and blew out instead of sucking in. The burning ember shot out of the pipe and we lost it in the grass. Everyone spent the next hour on their hands and knees looking for it. The first time I took cocaine, *which I dislike intensely*, was similarly disastrous. I kind of *sneezed*. I'm not what you call a drug natural."

So with Death By Overdose out of the question, does Neil have *anything* left to aspire to?

"I love the idea of one day playing a gig, and the whole audience becoming naked. That would be pretty exceptional. I aspire to that."

Righty-ho. See them on tour, and *leave your togs at the door.*

● *The Crowded House single, "Locked Out", is out now. Crowded House concert tour: May 27 (Glasgow SECC), May 28 (Whitley Bay Ice Rink) May 30 (Birmingham NEC), May 31 (Wembley), June 3 (Brighton Centre), June 4 (Bournemouth International Centre), June 5 (Cardiff Arena), June 6 (Manchester G-Mex), June 7 (Sheffield Arena).*

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POP ON FRIDAY: The bigger they come, the harder we fall ... superstars on the soundtrack ... Cocteaus rock, but gently

Learning about the power of lungs

If you want to get a hit, you've got to get up a full head of vocal steam – and they don't come much steamier than Celine Dion, Alan Jackson reports



DENZIL McNEELANCE

One of the few Eurovision Song Contest winners to live to tell the tale. Celine Dion is sitting pretty in Britain and America with "The Power Of Love"

If anthropologists were to apply their discipline to the world of American popular music, and more particularly to the genus of the female balladeer, they would soon find it necessary to draw a distinguishing line between those who were pre- and post-Houston. The Whitney Factor, they might call it, pointing out that its effect is everywhere to see. Yes, women followed the same bravura, showstopping route before she came along, they would allow, but surely never with such quiver-lipped calculation.

The ultimate Houston angst-fest was, of course, 1992's "I Will Always Love You". In the hands of its author, Dolly Parton, it had been a modest, self-effacing folk song, performed with no artifice other than a certain touching humility. Add the Whitney Factor and suddenly it was an entire Greek tragedy compacted into four busy, heart-pummelling minutes.

But that's the way to make audiences sit up and take notice in an era of reduced concentration spans. And certainly the hand of Houston can be identified in this week's *British singles charts*, even though the diva herself is resting temporarily.

The Top Five include three classics of the genre (note the pitch-perfect and technically faultless delivery, the shamelessly self-aggrandising storylines). Straight in at the top is Mariah Carey, prematurely hailed as Houston's nemesis on her debut four years ago. "I can't live, I can't give anymore," she emotes on her histrionic cover of the late Harry Nilsson's hit "Without You", proving that the Whitney Factor can revive even a song supper-clubbed to death in Vegas and Atlantic City.

At No 3 another big voice — that of Toni Braxton — warns of its imminent expiry. "I will never breathe again," she threatens her lover in a song titled, rather lazily, "Breathe Again". Indeed you must look all the way down to No 5 to find someone up to being brave.

"Sometimes I am frightened but I'm willing to learn from the power of love," thunders Celine Dion on her cover of the Jennifer Rush mini-opera, and happily her courage has been rewarded. The song is already on top of the American charts, its intense delivery winning the 25-year-old Quebecoise comparisons with la Houston herself.

> "When you're on top you're almost spoilt for choice"

"Of course, you could say we're all in competition with each other, but I respect and admire them — I don't want to fight with anyone," she says of her peers. "I think I have my own sound, but I do get people saying I'm a bit like Whitney or Mariah or even Barbra Streisand. That's because we have a similar style. You can imagine each of us singing the other's songs."

Dion's lodgings during a brief stop-over in London — one of Mayfair's most discreet and expensive hotels — reflect the status she now enjoys with her record company, Sony Music. But it has taken a concerted campaign of risks and self-improvement to reach this stage, and she has a recording history that already stretches to 12 years.

"However much talent you have as a singer, it comes down to good material," she says, barefoot amid an acre of cushions and silk upholstery. "There are only so many good songs at any one time, and when you're an unknown quantity the writers don't want to gamble on you: they'd rather send them to someone surefire, like the names we've mentioned.

"That's why it's so hard for new artists. You need luck in getting the chance to prove yourself. When I did the theme for *Beauty and the Beast* (her duet with Peabo Bryson became her first US No 1 and won last year's Academy Award for Best Song), a lot of people thought: 'God, *Disney!* Why does she want to be associated with a kids' film?' But it was a great number and it's opened all the right doors. Now big-name producers want to work with me and the songs I'm being sent are getting stronger and stronger. When you're on top you're almost spoilt for choice."

The youngest of 14 children, Dion has seen too much struggle to allow herself a starry attitude. "My whole family grew up with zero money, so I don't look to wealth to bring me happiness now," she says. Compensating for financial security in her early life was a permanent awareness of music.

Her father worked variously as a lumberjack, a butcher and a youth counsellor, but performed throughout the province at weekends with his wife, delivering folk tunes and Top 40 covers. Dion's own powerful voice developed early and at 13 she made the first of nine increasingly successful French albums. As a teenager she even won the Eurovision Song Contest, singing for Switzerland.

But it was her decision six years ago to take a Berlitz course and so become the first Dion to learn English that made international success a possibility. Since then she has not looked back: her third English-language album, "The Colour Of My Love", is released on Monday. As with a Whitney or Mariah album, there is the occasional dance or mid-tempo track to vary the pace, but the bulk of songs are big, breast-beating ballads.

"I choose them because it's easier for me to put emotion into them, and emotion is the basis of everything I sing," she says. "I don't calculate the percentage of fast and slow songs. I just go with those that move me. And if that means a record full of ballads then I'm sorry, but there it is."

Attention diverts to the diamond engagement ring sparkling on her hand. "Do you like my rock?" she asks. The story reveals another similarity with her two most successful rivals — all have an important older male figure in their lives.

For Houston it is Clive Davis, founder of Arista Records and her creative mentor; for Carey it is her husband, Sony's US president Tommy Mottola. And for Dion it is her 51-year-old manager René Angelil, whom she will marry in the summer. "My schedule's unbelievably tight and I said that unless we made a date, we'd never get to the altar," she says. "And with a guy of that age you'd better not waste time."

Finishing her tea, she notes that contemporaries keep telling her to relax a little, have some fun. "But singing is my fun and that means protecting my voice. I don't drink. I don't smoke, no way would I do drugs. All I allow myself is a little shopping, because that doesn't hurt the vocal chords."

CONCERT

Themes for dreams

Cocteau Twins
UEA, Norwich

FOR 12 years, the Cocteau Twins have produced music of assured beauty, creating sweeping soundscapes for unmade films. Defying easy categorisation, they may look like a rock band on stage, but they display a studied disregard for rock convention. Indeed, touring seems to be one of their few concessions to it.

They are reluctant to concede much. Despite being augmented by a drummer, percussionist and two guitarists, the Scottish threesome is not about to rock the house. Instead, their performance is decidedly self-effacing; they refuse to grab attention. There are no solos, no signs of physical effort. No one does more than sway sedately. The stage lights dwell as much on the audience as on the band.

Each song, several taken from last year's album *Four-Calendar Café*, combines a loping beat with a wash of sound fashioned from Robin Guthrie's echoing, sparse guitar lines and Simon Raymonde's bass. It's like being cast adrift on a gently swelling sea.

Over the waves, Elizabeth Fraser's voice bobs like some insecurely anchored buoy. Recognisable words and phrases are quickly dissolved into a rush of detached syllables. Like a conversation caught on the wind or heard across a crowded room, the sense owes more to what you think you hear than to what is actually uttered. You catch the motion rather than the meaning.

Her voice sweeps and babbles, sliding from a yelp to a whisper, her scream ricochets between fear and joy. In passing, you glimpse the mannerisms of Kate Bush, or Laura Nyro from an earlier era; there is even a hint of Lulu's bark. For all this restlessness, though, her voice is never tiresome or self-consciously showy.

It is easy to see Fraser as the star of the performance, but that would be wrong. The Cocteau Twins' skill has been to fashion a group style that refuses the obvious points of focus. Just as the beat is collapsed into a pulse, so her voice becomes part of the ebb and flow of an evening which, like the Cocteau Twins themselves, is content just to wallow in sound. The experience continues tonight at the Brixton Academy.

JOHN STREET

Songs in the key of life

NEW ALBUMS: Springsteen, Young and Gabriel, among others, put their music where their humanity is



Surely Mother Earth — (from left) Chris White, Matt Deighton, Bryn Barklam and Neil Corcoran — are too young to remember the late, great Steve Marriott? Apparently not

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Philadelphia
(Epic Soundtrax 474998 2)
WHERE do you go to hear the new songs by Bruce Springsteen, Peter Gabriel and Neil Young? To the movies, of course.

"Synergy" is the current buzzword to describe the symbiotic relationship that has existed between Hollywood and rock 'n' roll since Bill Haley's "Rock Around The Clock" put some lead in the pencil of *The Blackboard Jungle* in 1955.

But, in the new Jonathan Demme film *Philadelphia*, the usual themes for which rock soundtracks have traditionally been tailored — teenage rebellion, young love and where to go dancing on a Saturday night — have been superseded by the sobering spectre of Aids.

For Springsteen, still smarting from the relatively disappointing performance of his last albums, the synergy is clearly working well. His song, "Streets Of Philadelphia", specially written for the film, has already won a Golden Globe award, and is the highest new entry in this week's American singles chart. A mournful tune that would almost be a dirge were it not for its psuedo-hip hop drum machine pulse, the ghostly arrangement invests the lyric of manly self-doubt with a rare poignancy. It may well be his biggest hit for a long time.

Young creates a similarly elegiac mood with his song, "Philadelphia", a simple piano, voice and strings arrangement, that follows on rather incongruously from the intimidating sound of Maria Callas in full flight on "La mamma morta" from the opera *Andrea Chenier*.

Sade and the Spin Doctors add upmarket filler to the mix with capable versions of Percy Mayfield's jazz standard "Please Send Me Someone To Love" and John Fogerty's "Have You Ever Seen The Rain?" respectively.

But it is Gabriel who rises to the task with the greatest aplomb. Driven by a shimmering bass line, "Lovetown" is a song of aching sadness and beauty that gently probes the dark loneliness that lies at the core of the human condition.

ENIGMA
The Cross of Changes
(Virgin 8 39236)
THE biggest enigma about Michael Cretu, alias Curly M.C., alias Enigma, is how he got to be so successful. In 1990, when the Romanian-born keyboard boffin from Germany released his debut album, *MCMXC AD*, the idea of harnessing some musty old Gregorian chants to an ambient techno soundtrack hardly seemed an obvious route to fame and riches beyond belief. Four years and seven million album sales later we know better.

His new album confirms Enigma as the Jean Michel Jarre and Mike Oldfield of the rave generation. His enthusiasm for splicing modern drum machine beats to vaguely ethnic and ancient-sounding vocals remains undiminished and on both "The Eyes Of Truth" and "Age Of Loneliness" there is an odd mixture of hip hop rhythms overlaid with lots of psuedo-Arabic warbling.

The mix is bound together by a woolly, New Age philosophy; cue the sound of waves gently lapping on the shore and gently intoned lyrics such as: "In every colour there's the light/In every stone sleeps a crystal/Remember the Shaman when he used to say/'Man is the dream of the Dolphin'."

Elsewhere, as on "Return To Innocence", the vocals are not sung in any specific language, although they make about as much sense as the ones that are.

The sleeve is festooned with mystical diagrams, holy writings and a long list of merchandise available by mail order, everything from T-shirts to wrist-watches (black with full colour artwork). The Midas touch endures, but the puzzle remains unsolved.

MOTHER EARTH
The People Tree
(Acid Jazz JAZIDCD 83)
JOINING the rapidly swelling ranks of young musicians born in the wrong era, Mother Earth enter an uncanny musical timewarp with their second album, *The People Tree*. Although comprised entirely of new songs written by the group, it nevertheless plunges the listener back to the days when bands like Traffic, Spooky Tooth, Santana and the Jeff Beck Group roamed the earth, all of them furiously adapting the soulful style of American R&B heroes like Curtis Mayfield and Stevie Wonder to the heavier aesthetics of post-psychedelic rock.

Venturing deep into the territory that has already proved so fertile for Paul Weller and Jamiroquai, and sounding like both of them at different times, the London four-piece sift through their record collections with the shameless zeal of archaeologists on a dig.

The result is immensely entertaining, a sort of superfly version of Lenny Kravitz. Singer and guitarist Matt Deighton has a voice that reaches from a rough tenor to a reedy falsetto, and a playing style that is equally at home with the delicate, acoustically strummed chords of "Jesse", the twitchy funk of "Time Of The Future" or the heavily sustained, high-velocity soloing of "Find It".

The rest of the Mothers provide a suitably authentic setting — Hammond organ, natural drums, lots of semi-improvisation on the margins — while a handful of guest musicians including singer D.C. Lee and Quartet leader James Taylor lend extra weight where necessary.

The songs are great, but it's the band's hairstyles that really pinpoint where they're at: three tightly cropped mod cuts and Deighton's long hippy shag. No wonder the album is dedicated to the memory of "top groover" Steve Marriott, a man who, as singer with the Small Faces and Humble Pie, defined the transition from mod to hippy, helped to balance the original pop-soul-rock equation, had fun while he was doing it, and surely embodied everything these boys are about.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	The Cross of Changes	Enigma (Virgin)
2	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
3	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M)
4	Under the Pink	Tori Amos (East West)
5	Debut	Björk (One Little Indian)
6	Bat Out of Hell II — Back Into Hell	Meat Loaf (Virgin)
7	Tease Me	Chaka Demus & Pliers (Mango)
8	Elegant Slumming	M People (deConstruction)
9	In Pieces	Garth Brooks (Liberty)
10	One Woman — The Ultimate Collection	Diana Ross (EMI)

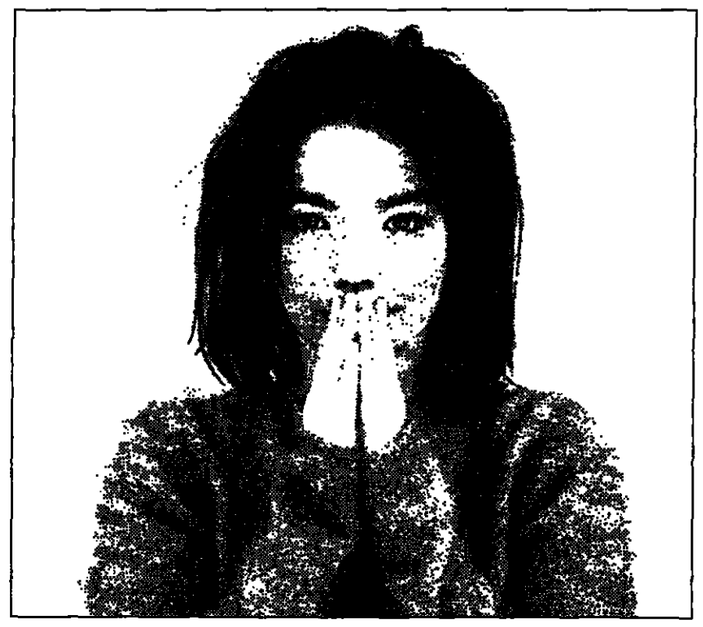
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MOTORING

Our friend the taxman

New company car rules will cut costs for many drivers and help the private motorist, says **Kevin Eason**

A powerful influence will help to determine the sale of nearly 900,000 new cars this year . . . the taxman. New tax laws coming into effect on April 7 promise to revolutionise the way new cars are bought and sold in Britain — and at what price.

Half of all new cars sold go to company fleets, but the first signs are that ordinary buyers will also be able to cash in on the huge change, with more choice of many cheaper models.

Britain's new car market has been distorted for 20 years by the way the Inland Revenue has calculated the benefit to employees of using a car owned by their company. The tax levied has been based purely on engine size, ignoring performance and "extras" such as sunroofs and alloy wheels. As a result, manufacturers were happy to add any number of goodies in order to attract the company driver.

The system penalised drivers who genuinely used their cars as "tools" of their work and those who saved their companies money by using diesel. Although diesel engines are more economical they have to be slightly bigger than petrol engines to produce the same power, incurring higher tax penalties. The rules meant that frugality and fairness were not taken into consideration by the taxman.

That meant that a district nurse who covered 16,000 miles a year in her 1.8-litre Peugeot 205 diesel, worth £8,000 new, might pay tax on the same scale as a manager doing only 3,000 miles a year in a glamorous £18,000 405 2.0GRi 4x4 saloon.

Every time that successive Chancellors decided to increase the tax scale to make the manager pay more to the Treasury for using his company car, the district nurse was hit equally hard.

The Inland Revenue thought this was unfair, and in April the system will change so that tax is levied on the price of a car, not its engine size. As a result, up to 700,000 of Britain's four million company car drivers will pay more to the Inland Revenue. The new regime, which has been hailed as fairer by all sides of industry, is simple: the cheaper the car, the lower the tax liability.

PHH Vehicle Management Services has produced a ready reckoner for company car users to tell them whether their tax bill will go up or down on April 7. PHH calculates that users of a car less than four years old in the present 1.4 to 2.0-litre category will pay more than the current £2,990 scale charge only if their car costs more than £12,814. As a result, the district nurse in her cheaper car will pay less tax, the manager in the £18,000 saloon more.

Ripples from the tax changes are likely to spread to all corners of the showroom and benefit private buyers. Manufacturers have been forced to review their entire ranges, for the first time introducing models stripped bare of all the fancy extras once thought to be vital. There will also be many more value-for-money packages on offer to private buyers — not just company fleet buyers.

The shake-up has forced car-makers into innovative thinking so they can offer company car users either a highly equipped small model or a bottom-of-the-range big car at a similar price. Users of either will then face approximately the same tax bill.

Vauxhall is typical, having introduced a new entry-level model into its Omega range, which replaces the Carlton and Senator models (see right). Vauxhall knows that the middle-ranking executives to whom the car will appeal will have their calculators out to determine their tax liability.

Ian Coomber, Vauxhall's sales and marketing executive director, says that the conspicuous consumption of the 1980s will be "buried" on April 7 because the tax changes will particularly hit the executive car sector with "one hell of a big whammy".

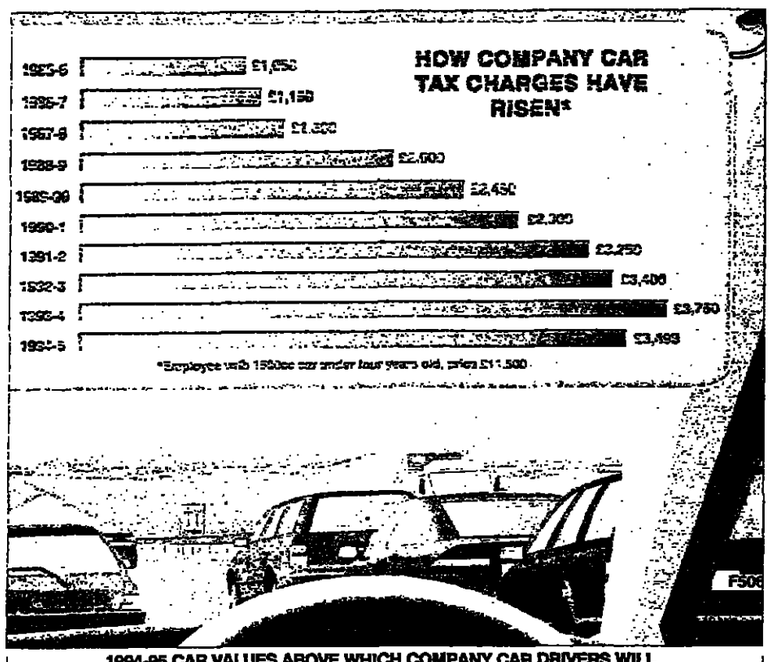
He says: "Executive drivers are going to feel the changes where it hurts most — in their pockets. The market is already beginning to see massive re-prioritising of choice among its customers."

The Omega range will start with the Select, a model with the minimum of frills likely to cost about £15,000. Drivers who want extras can choose from four packs. For example, a "Family Pack" includes three rear head restraints, front passenger airbag and 3-point centre seatbelt.

When the driver orders the car, he or she knows the exact cost of the model and the extras and how it will affect their tax bill. Private buyers enjoy the same clear choice or the chance simply to buy a cheaper big car.

Mr Coomber says: "We know drivers are going to be looking very carefully at their tax liability now and the system from April 7 is completely transparent. There is no doubt that the cost of the car relates directly to the tax cost."

So the trend of the all-pervasive company car, which drove up car specifications and prices, may now be as powerful but in reverse, helping to extend choice and cut prices.



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Source: PHH Vehicle Management Services. *Cost of car excluding extras at which user will incur extra tax



The Omega CDX — a terrific executive car, but does it have enough charisma?

An alpha minus for the Omega

Vauxhall's forgettable contender

There was a moment when BMW's takeover of Rover was put into sharp focus by Ian Coomber, Vauxhall's sales and marketing executive director.

BMW has offered British Aerospace £800 million for the British manufacturer; General Motors — Vauxhall's parent — has invested £720 million in developing and launching its new Omega range alone.

The Omega is the replacement for the Carlton and Senator models in the UK and Vauxhall expects it to lead the executive car sector by next year. But it should beware — the new model lacks the instant attraction that sets hearts beating.

The Omega unfortunately goes quietly where the Carlton and Senator went before. They were a bit like wallpaper: you knew it was there but you could never remember the pattern. They were, however, terrific executive cars.

Now Vauxhall wants Omega to challenge BMW and Mercedes buyers as well as beating off Rover and Ford. So there are new engines, a new shape and a "V" badge on the grille and ... er, I can't remember much else. The trouble with the Omega is the same as the old Carlton: I like the car but so little leaves an imprint.

Persuading someone to swap the stolid virtues of the three-pointed star of Mercedes for the new V-badge is a bit like trying to convince a Manchester United fan that Wimbledon play skilful football. No matter how good the results, the disbelief remains. There is no disputing the high quality of the test cars I drove this week. The interiors are comfortable and spacious, the load space cavernous and the switchgear easy use.

There are 12 saloons and 12 estates with three petrol engines — 2.0i, 2.5i V6 and 3.0i V6 — and a 2.5-litre turbo-diesel derived from the much-acclaimed BMW engine.

Safety and security have been made priorities so that every model gets a driver's airbag and seat-belt grabbers to prevent chest and shoulder injuries, with passenger airbags and three-point rear middle seat belts available as options or standard on more expensive models. Every model has deadlocks, alarm and immobiliser and eight-speaker stereo system.

The four-cylinder 2.0i is sometimes coarse but has enough for a 130mph top speed, a 0 to 60mph time of ten seconds and almost 35 miles to the gallon on average.

The V6 engines are much smoother and quieter, but the 3.0i gives little more performance to the practical driver than the 2.0i, with a 0 to 60mph time of 8.3 seconds in five-speed manual form, top speed of 143mph and fuel consumption averaging about 31mpg.

A group of 12 executives from big fleet companies have been consulted in the development of the Omega. The car will pass their tests with flying colours — but if they were spending their own money and wanted a car to impress their pals, would they still choose the Omega?

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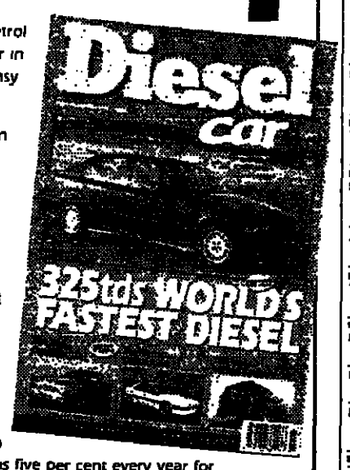
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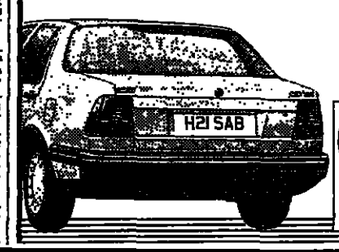
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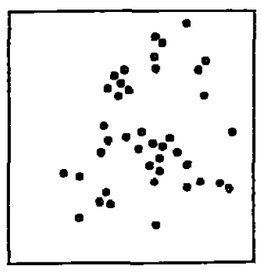
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Voracious hunter moves out of its natural territory



Brian Clarke reports on the effects of a predator coming inland in increasing numbers

Few anglers who have seen an otter swimming, like water in a firmer form, will fail to remember the time or place. Few who have seen the kingfisher's dive will not have that blue-splintered arrow stuck in their eye. Few who have watched a stalking heron clone itself in reflections will not have been mesmerised and hushed by the sight.

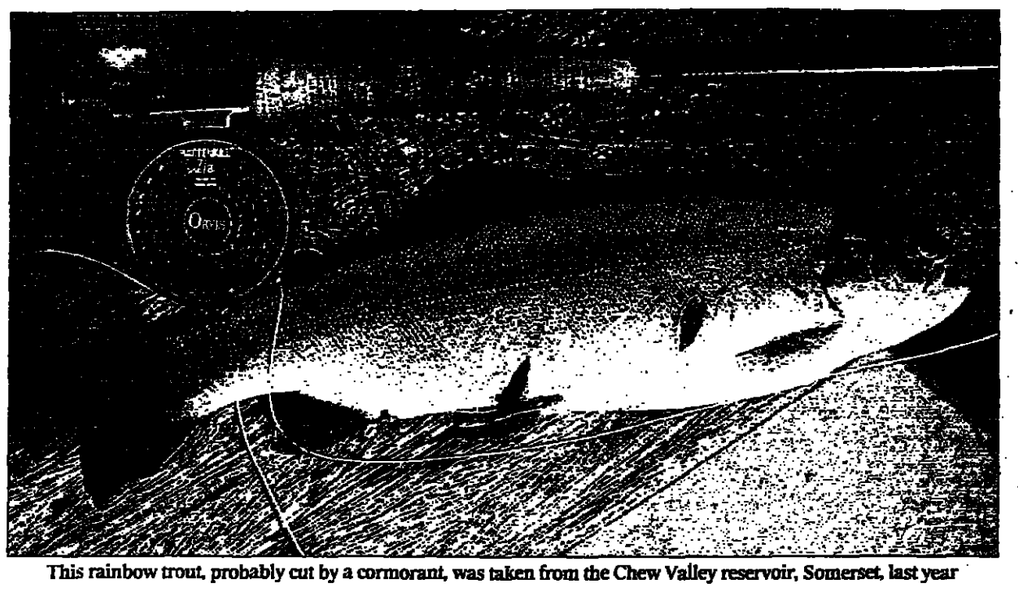
It has always been thus. Anglers have long happily shared their waters with the creatures of the wild. To see a natural predator hunting fish he might some day himself have caught has been the highlight of many a fisherman's day.

And yet there is growing concern in the angling community at the arrival of a different predator in disquieting numbers. Cormorants are normally birds of the estuary and the cliff and their usual diet is sea fish. Recent studies suggest that the birds have been increasing their numbers by around 20 per cent a year since, by the stroke of a pen, they were given protection through an European Community (EC) directive 13 years ago. More to the point, studies also suggest that the cormorant is increasingly becoming an inland bird.

The reason for anglers' concern is obvious. Cormorants are far more voracious and efficient hunters than freshwater birds and they have a much wider territorial range. An individual adult will eat around 1½lb of fish a day and much more where the pickings are easy.

Whereas herons and kingfishers are glimpsed one by one, cormorants in their dozens and sometimes scores are now to be found on the largest fisheries stocked with coarse fish and trout, which have been nurtured or paid for by anglers and fishery owners.

In recent years, there have been increasing reports of catch and stock collapses on angling waters that have cormorant roosts close by. Although there is little statistical proof, there is anecdotal and circumstantial evidence.



This rainbow trout, probably cut by a cormorant, was taken from the Chew Valley reservoir, Somerset, last year

Dr Bruno Broughton, a well-known fisheries consultant, has information on dozens of sites where cormorants appear to be having a major impact on angling. On one coarse fishery near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, there was evidence suggesting that a colony of 50 birds may have accounted for four tons of fish, or 80 per cent of the entire stock, in a matter of months.

Stewart Canham, who runs a fish farm near Zeals, in Dorset, is one of many small-fishery owners troubled by the birds. When he performed an autopsy on a cormorant found dead near his holding ponds, he discovered 11 sizeable trout inside. He believes that the bird was so heavy and gorged that it had been unable to fly.

Such stories abound, but they do not provide a workable measure of true cormorant numbers, or of the scale of any problem. It is because of this that the Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers (ASGFM) has commissioned direct research. It has asked the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust to assess existing cormorant populations and the damage being done to commercial trout fisheries. The National Rivers Authority (NRA) is reported to be undertaking research of its own.

There is an irony in the fact that the bird is protected at all. The cormorant has never been a threatened species in Britain and, until recently, its numbers were always controlled.

It was simply lumped into a group of other birds given specific protection by an EC directive in 1979. It was included because the thrust of the directive was to give common protection to individual species throughout the community and because there was some concern for specific tree-nesting colonies of cormorants on the European mainland.

That protection was enshrined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. It is since that Act that cormorant numbers have visibly increased and more birds have been turning inland.

It is inevitable that the cormorant issue finds two dedicated groups of conservationists, the anglers and the bird-watchers, on opposite sides. However, as the debate and the search for a quantified statement of the problem goes on, several points are beyond dispute.

The first is that cormorants are much more visible on inland waters than ever they have been. The second is that fish with deep slashes typical of the damage done by the cormorant's hooked bill, are turning up regularly in anglers' catches.

A third point is that, if a clear problem is shown by the studies the ASGFM has initiated, then the balance in nature, whereby predator numbers rise and fall in direct relationship to the availability of prey, cannot be expected to put the matter right.

Modern trout fisheries survive by providing fish for anglers to catch. As soon as declines in stock levels appear to be reflected in catches, so more fish have to be introduced to keep anglers coming back. So prey levels on these waters cannot fall to the point where cormorants themselves will suffer.

On coarse fisheries, which in the main rely on natural restocking, the Newcastle experience could be repeated time and time over, as cormorants move on from one denuded fishery to another. Such a situation would be unacceptable to conservationists of many colours. The outcome of the WWT and NRA studies — both due later this month — are awaited with interest.

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6. A sufficient description adequately specifying the nature and situation of the premises intended to be supplied, separately identifying premises within the power bands specified in and to the extent provided by paragraph 7 below.

ALL PREMISES IN ENGLAND AND WALES AND SCOTLAND OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH, DURING THE FRANCHISE PERIOD, HAVE A MAXIMUM DEMAND AT OR LESS THAN THE FRANCHISE LIMIT IN THE AUTHORISED AREAS OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANIES TOGETHER WITH SUCH PREMISES AS MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, BE SPECIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR (WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE) FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF CONDITION 2 OF THIS SECOND TIER SUPPLY LICENCE.

EASTERN ELECTRICITY plc
EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY plc
LONDON ELECTRICITY plc
MANWEB plc
NORTHERN ELECTRIC plc
NORWEB plc
SEEBOARD plc
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC plc
SOUTH WALES ELECTRICITY plc
SOUTH WESTERN ELECTRICITY plc
SCOTTISH HYDRO-ELECTRICITY plc
SCOTTISH POWER plc
YORKSHIRE ELECTRICITY GROUP plc

7. (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises intended to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand for each power band.

(b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1 April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1 April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

Power Band	Number of premises	Aggregate maximum demand	Energy (Gwh) to be supplied
(A) Not exceeding 0.1MW	NONE	NONE	NONE
(B) Exceeding 0.1 MW but not exceeding 1.0 MW			

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant

ANY PREMISES IN THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 6 WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH ENERGY USING THE SYSTEM OF ELECTRIC LINES AND ELECTRICAL PLANT BELONGING TO EITHER THE COMPANIES IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 6, THE NATIONAL GRID COMPANY plc OR AN AUTHORISED ELECTRICITY OPERATOR.

9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying.

THE APPLICANT WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE ALL THE POWERS UNDER SCHEDULE 3 AND UNDER SCHEDULE 4 OF THE ACT.

10 Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity.

PUBLIC ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE: GRANTED ON 26 MARCH 1990
PRIVATE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE (ENGLAND AND WALES): GRANTED ON 28 JUNE 1990
PRIVATE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE (SCOTLAND): GRANTED ON 29 JUNE 1990
ELECTRICITY GENERATION LICENCE HELD BY CENTRAL POWER LIMITED (WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF MEB): GRANTED ON 26 MARCH 1990

Midlands Electricity plc have lodged copies of maps in support of their application to supply customers in England, Wales and Scotland. These maps are available for inspection by the public between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm on any working day at the Regional Offices of the Office of Electricity Regulation located in England, Wales and Scotland.

H C HAMILTON, COMPANY SECRETARY
MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY plc
MUCKLOW HILL, HALESOWEN, WEST MIDLANDS B62 8BP.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 00657 of 1994

IN THE MATTER OF
MAXWELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (In Administration)
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated 17th February 1994, made in the above matter, the Court has directed a Meeting to be convened of the Scheme Creditors (as defined in the Scheme of Arrangement hereinafter mentioned) of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and its Scheme Creditors and that such Meeting will be held at No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 17th March 1994, at which place and time all such Scheme Creditors are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the proposal for a Scheme of Arrangement under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985 (containing an explanatory statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 426 of the above-mentioned Act and the text of the Proposed Scheme) and a form of proxy from Price Waterhouse (Ref JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.

The said Scheme Creditors may vote in person at such Meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a Scheme Creditor or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their place. To be valid, forms of proxy must be lodged with the Administrators of the Company at Price Waterhouse (Ref JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, no later than 11 a.m. on Thursday, 17th March 1994 but, if not so lodged, they may be submitted at the said Meeting. By the said Order, the Court has appointed Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips or, failing him, Andrew Mark Hannan or, failing him, Alan Rae Dalziel Jamieson to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 18th day of February 1994

Norton Rose,
Solicitors to the Administrators of the Company
Bank of America House, 25 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SL

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF ALAN PAINE (WALES) LIMITED (In Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Alan Paine (Wales) Limited will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 3rd day of March 1994 at 11.00 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 16th day of February 1994.
A J Barrett
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 0010818 of 1993
IN THE MATTER OF
STENA (UK) LIMITED
and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 26th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £69,023,001 to £6,902,300.10 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7th February 1994.
Dated the 18th day of February 1994.
NORTON ROSE
PO BOX 570,
Blackfriars House,
19 New Bridge Street,
London EC4V 6DH.
Ref. AJOMS/63/V141789
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

IN THE MATTER OF
G MASSELTT & SONS LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 8 February 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5LU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this eight day of February 1994

No. 00230 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

IN THE MATTER OF
UGLAND INTERNATIONAL plc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 13th day of January 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the above named Company from £14,000,000 to £6,812,992.60.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 2nd day of February 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 18th day of February 1994
McKenna & Co. of Mitre House,
160 Aldersgate Street,
London EC1A 4DD
Solicitors for
Ugland International plc

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF CHALMET LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

The Joint Liquidators of Chalmet Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within four months of 4 March 1994.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to the joint liquidators Director Mohan Coen and Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouse of 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX by 4 March 1994 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor, who does not make a claim by that date, will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.
Dir Coen
Joint Liquidator
10 February 1994

No. 00922 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF:
BISHOPSCOURT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of February 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 2nd day of March 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished for any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 17th day of February 1994.
David Cohen & Goldsobel
23 Bemdrick Street
London WM 8HT
Ref. SPC/KB/B.202

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

Herbeck Flooring & Co. Limited
Registered Number - 1432029
Nature of Business - Flooring Contractors.
Trade Classification - Construction 23.
Date of Appointment of administrative Receiver(s) - 10 February 1994.
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver(s) - Barclays Bank PLC.
Joint Administrative Receivers - Steven L Smith & John A G Dalton
Mercer & Hole
Gloucester House
72 London Road
St Albans
Herts
AL1 1NS

Pearlton Properties Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor), London W2 6LF, on 21st February 1994 at 10.30 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of the.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., Po Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 10th February 1994.
I Waldman
Director

RE. TOWNSEND HOTELS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Plymouth Moat House, Armada Way, Plymouth, PL1 2HJ, on Tuesday the 8th March 1994, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Trevor House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LD, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Friday 4th March 1994.
Dated this 14th day of February 1994
Director
C D Tyler.

HAWK STRUCTURES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2591475
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Structural Steel Work Engineers
TRADE CLASSIFICATION: 23
DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: 10th February 1994.
NAME OF PERSON APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc
BRIAN MILLS & PETER ANTHONY LAWRENCE
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
OFFICE HOLDER NOS. 2309 & 6827
of Booth Wells,
6 Raleigh House,
Admirals Way,
Waterside,
London E14 9SN.

TURSDECROFT TRADING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 21st February 1994 at 11.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of the.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 10TH FEBRUARY 1994
I WALDMAN
DIRECTOR

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344
or FAX: 071-481 9313

Chinese aim for fast marathon

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE NutraSweet London Marathon on April 17 will include what should prove to be the strongest field assembled for a women's marathon. The announcement yesterday that Lisa Ondieki, the Australian who holds the New York City Marathon course record, will compete, strengthens the opposition to face China's powerful squad.

David Bedford, the élite field director, could not be accused of overstatement when he said: "The women's field is sensational." Ondieki, twice the Commonwealth champion, an Olympic silver medal-winner and the fifth fastest woman on record, is one of the few athletes undaunted by the word from China that Wang Junxia, Zhang Linli, Zhang Lirong and Ma Liyan are looking to record fast times.

"We have not given much thought to the sights in London, they are for tourists; we are coming to run fast," Ma Junren, the Chinese quartet's coach, told Bedford. The women's field will also include Katrin Dorre, of Germany, who will be seeking her third consecutive London win, and Renata Kokowska, of Poland, a three-time winner of the Berlin Marathon, who set a course record of 2hr 26min 20sec there last September.

Wang, the most celebrated of the Chinese, has run two marathons, but, despite world records at 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres, has yet to complete 26 miles 385 yards with the speed of Ondieki's best of 2hr 23min 51sec. Wang, the World Cup champion, recorded 2hr 24min 7sec last April in Tianjin, one of three women's marathons which might claim to be the best so far. Six Chinese broke 2hr 26min in that race, but none were inside 2hr 24min.

The 1984 Olympic marathon brought together the four luminaries of women's distance running of the Eighties — Joan Benoit, Grete Waitz, Rosa Mota and Ingrid Kristiansen — but, for performance, there is nothing to compare with the 1985 Chicago Marathon, when Benoit, Kristiansen and Mota all beat 2hr 23min 30sec, however, Carla Beurskens, who was fourth, was a long way behind. No sooner had the Chinese squad been confirmed for London than the task began of organising what Bedford described as "a Chinese section on the course". London's Chinese community will be encouraged to turn up.

Full results of the NutraSweet London Marathon will be published exclusively in *The Times*.

Hightown head for bumpy ride

BY ALIX RAMSAY

MAGGIE Souyave knows that miracles never happen in sport, but today she lives in hope as she takes Hightown into the European indoor clubs women's hockey championships in Germany, knowing that, with the home side, Russelsheim, and Berlin to contend with, a gold medal will take a lot of winning.

Last month, Souyave took the England Under-21 team to Spain and the European indoor internationals and, after a poor first day, managed to instil in her young players enough self-belief to fight back and come home with a silver medal. At club level, the same result is not impossible, but it is not going to be easy.

In Britain, indoor hockey is still the poor relation to the outdoor game, but for Souyave, who, now 40, is working double shifts as a player and a coach, indoor has as much, if not more, to offer: "It's a tremendous spectator sport," she said. "It epitomises everything you look for in hockey — the skill, the pace, and the power — and it's always a pressure situation that exposes all the skills and the failings."

Nobody has ever beaten the German clubs indoors and with Russelsheim, champions in 1991 and 1992, in their group, Souyave knows Hightown's ride could be a bumpy one: "At least it keeps us apart in the semi-final and I know we've prepared well enough to get that far," she said. "Last year, we won the bronze and this time our objective must be to reach the final and do the ultimate: crack the Germans."

Although the German sides are famous for their clinical finishing from set-pieces, Souyave feels Hightown can match them in open play. "We've got as near to them as anyone has," she said. "You have to believe that luck plays a part, too, and we have to win it if we are to go back next year, which is incentive enough."

While Hightown are away, other premier division clubs will be in action. The top three clubs — Ipswich, Leicester, and Slough — have the chance to pull away from the pack with relatively easy matches against Clifton, Ealing, and Chelmsford respectively.

After the mid-season break, Slough secured a 4-0 victory over Clifton last week. For their captain, Karen Brown, it was their best performance for a couple of years. Now she feels they are on a roll and the title is again a possibility: "We're only two points behind now, which means it's all up to us," she said.

WIN A SPORTING HOLIDAY FOR TWO IN ANTIGUA

This spring you could be in the sun – watching the 5th Test

The Windies Tour has started in earnest - and every ball of every one-day international and Test Match will be shown, exclusively, on Sky Sports.

The Times has teamed up with Sky Sports and their official broadcast sponsors Whittingdale and JVC to offer Times cricket fans the chance to win a luxury holiday for two in Antigua with tickets to the Fifth Test match and £500 spending money. Plus runner-up prizes of a JVC satellite system, subscription to Sky Sports and a host of limited edition Whittingdale cricket merchandise.

WHITTINGDALE
GILT-EDGED EXPERTS

LIVE COVERAGE EXCLUSIVELY ON SKY SPORTS

WEST INDIES v ENGLAND		
First Test-Jamaica		
Saturday 19 February	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Sunday 20 February	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Monday 21 February	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Wednesday 23 February	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Thursday 24 February	15:00-22:30	LIVE
2nd One-Day International-Jamaica		
Saturday 26 February	14:30-23:00	LIVE
3rd One-Day International-St Vincent		
Wednesday 2 March	13:30-22:00	LIVE
4th One-Day International-Trinidad		
Saturday 5 March	13:30-22:00	LIVE
5th One-Day International-Trinidad		
Sunday 6 March	13:30-22:00	LIVE
Second Test-Guyana		
Thursday 17 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Friday 18 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Saturday 19 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Sunday 20 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Tuesday 22 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Third Test-Trinidad		
Friday 25 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Saturday 26 March	14:00-21:30	LIVE
Sunday 27 March	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Tuesday 29 March	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Wednesday 30 March	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Fourth Test-Barbados		
Friday 8 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Saturday 9 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Sunday 10 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Tuesday 12 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Wednesday 13 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Fifth Test-Antigua		
Saturday 16 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Sunday 17 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Monday 18 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Wednesday 20 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE
Thursday 21 April	15:00-22:30	LIVE

FOR FULL DETAILS BUY THE TIMES TOMORROW

Wattana keeps his nerve to sink Davis

JAMES Wattana held his nerve under intense pressure to beat Steve Davis 5-4 on a respotted black in the quarter-finals of the International Open in Bournemouth yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Wattana lost 6-1 to Davis in the semi-finals of the Regal Welsh Open two weeks ago and, when the six-time world champion fought back from 4-3 down to lead 58-35 in the deciding frame with only three colours — and therefore 18 points — available, a repeat victory looked certain.

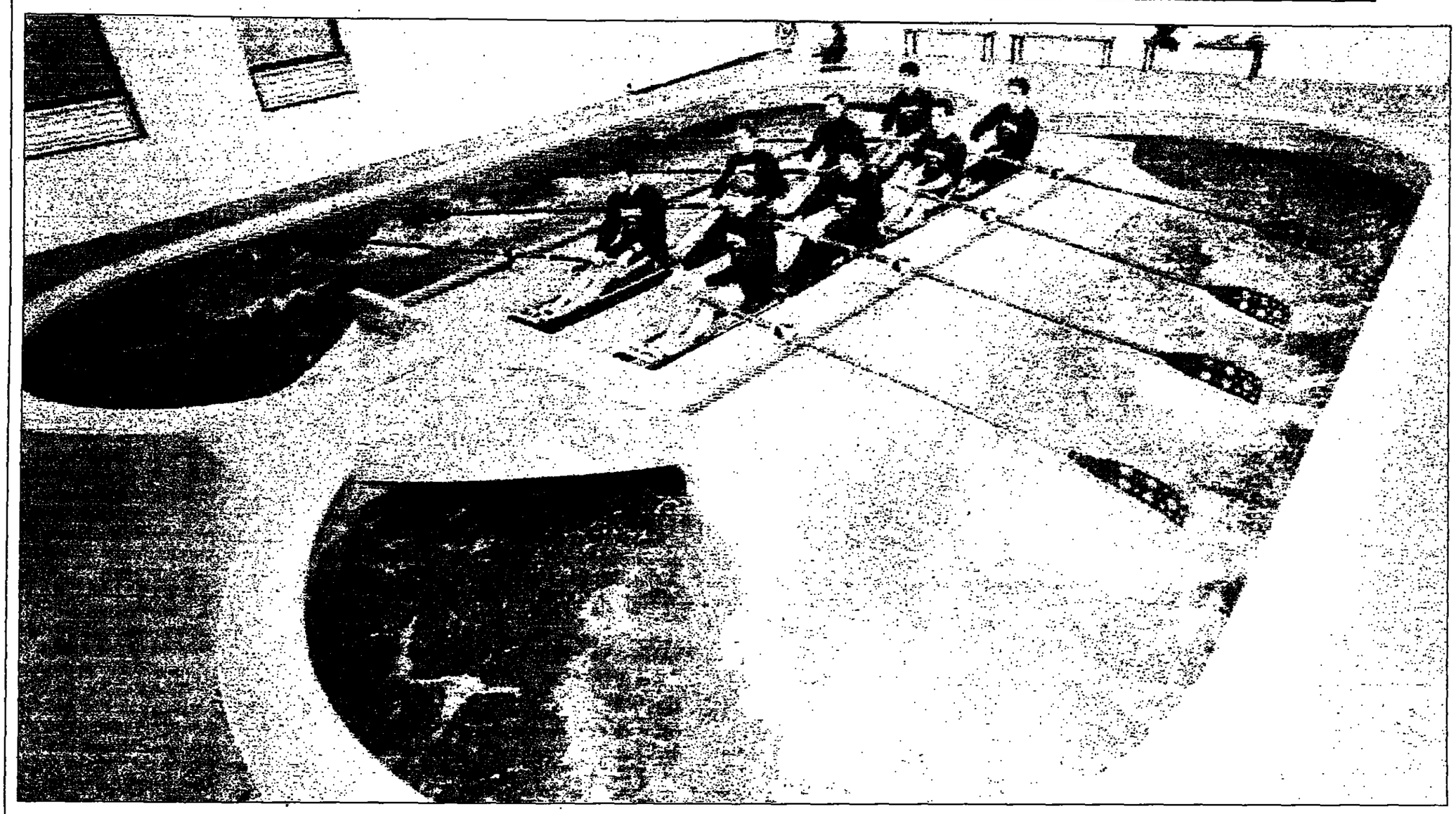
However, Davis failed to escape from the third snooker Wattana manufactured on the blue and the Thai then cleared blue, pink and black to level at 58-58. A tense 13 shots were needed on the respotted black before Wattana potted it into a middle pocket after Davis had missed a clear opportunity to sink it in the opposite middle.

Wattana, who avenged a 10-2 defeat by Davis in the British Open final last year, meets Stephen Hendry or Alan McManus in the semi-finals.

John Parrott, the world No 2, reached the semi-finals of a ranking event for the fourth time in six attempts when he emerged from a scrappy contest to beat Joe Swail, from Belfast, 5-4. Parrott, without a tournament success since the Dubai Classic 16 months ago, did not experience the anxiety felt by Davis and Wattana. He dominated the final frame and will now play Jimmy White or Neal Foulds today.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Wattana (Thai) bt S Davis (Eng) 5-4; J Parrott (Eng) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-4.

Oxford University think-tank aids preparations for Boat Race



The Oxford University crew is using advanced technology to aid its attempt to capture the advantage in the Boat Race next month (Mike Rosewell writes). Rowers hopeful of making the starting line-up are undergoing intensive training in a purpose-built indoor tank which simulates river conditions at their Iffley Road facilities. The tank offers busy students and their coaches an opportunity to hold extra training sessions when a hectic timetable precludes a trip to the river. Oxford's coach, Richard Tinkler, said he understands the pressure on students and his biggest change to the "Oxford system" would give students more time for their studies. Pictured above are, in the back row, Robert Clagg, left, Joseph Michel, David Ismay and Adam Pearson and, in the front row, Christian Mahne, left, Kingsley Poole, Harry Macmillan and Liam Halligan. Photograph: Dave Caulkin

Cousins sets shining example amid stars

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HAMAR

IT IS not often that a British skater finishes ahead of two Olympic champions and the world champion, but Steven Cousins achieved this here last night. The triple axel, which has so often escaped him, was held, a double toe loop attached and the combination jump, the most difficult of the technical contest's element, proved a success.

Overjoyed, the British champion reeled off the other elements required with great poise, his triple flip being as good as any seen.

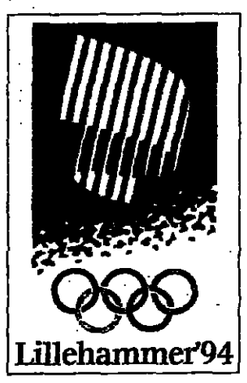
He could not avoid laughing at the end for he knew he would go above the two reinstated professionals in the field, Brian Boitano, of the United States, the Olympic champion of 1988, and Viktor Petrenko, of Ukraine, the titleholder since Albertville two years ago.

Boitano finished eighth, Petrenko ninth, and the world champion, Kurt Browning, of Canada, who skated later, could manage only twelfth. Cousins finished seventh, and in the real race for the first time. In the lead at this stage is Aleksei Urmanov, of Russia, with five of the nine judges on his side.

Cousins was embraced afterwards by his Canadian coach, Doug Leigh, who later was to see the main man in his training stable, Elvis Stojko, Canada's national champion, in even better shape and taking second place.

Second in the world last year, third the year before and seventh at the 1992 Olympics, Stojko, a short, muscular, fast-moving skater, does now seem to be coming into his own. Although behind Urmanov at the moment, the sheer weight of his technical ability should balance out his limited artistry and bring him the title.

Boitano, first of the 25 to skate the eight-element technical programme, which is worth one third of the final score, went smoothly through his opening jump, the triple lutz, but disaster quickly struck with the planned combination. He lost the landing edge of his high triple axel, was obliged to prop himself by hand to avoid falling and thus



failed to add the jump required. All the Boitano polish that followed did little to rescue him.

Petrenko suffered the same fate, his combination jump also eluding him. A huge lean to his triple axel sent him off-balance before the triple toe loop and he had to insert a connecting step. To add to his misery before the free section tomorrow, he landed the triple lutz forward.

The severity of amateur competition, in which posing counts less than in show skating, will expose more cracks tomorrow. Urmanov, from St Petersburg, was at his classical best following the opening combination of triple axel and double toe loop with an assured triple lutz, but his stamina is suspect and may find the pressures of the free skating too punishing.

Third place last night was seized by the charismatic Frenchman, Philippe Candeloro, who won the audience over to his side. To music from the film *The Godfather*, he flirted with the judges with splendidly choreographed steps and movements and, after the same combination jump as chosen by Urmanov, offered the triple lutz too.

If he holds out on Saturday in a continuation of *The Godfather* story, he might well surprise and show that this is the time for the amateurs to take the Olympic stage and not for those who have already had their day.

Browning, the last to skate, was a great disappointment, sliding over on the triple jump he chose, the flip, and even turning the obligatory double axel at the end into a single jump. His steps were of the highest quality and his choreography captivating, but he is now out of contention for a medal here.

☐ Dave Belam, Britain's one-man cross-country ski team in Lillehammer, achieved a personal ambition despite finishing 68th in the 10km race yesterday. Although his time of 28min 00.2sec was 3min 40sec behind the winner, Bjorn Daehlie, of Norway, Belam finished without being overtaken.

RESULTS FROM THE WINTER OLYMPICS

ALPINE SKIING

MEN: Super-giant slalom: 1, M Wasmeier (Ger) 1min 32.53sec; 2, T Moe (US) 1:32.61; 3, K A Aamodt (Nor) 1:32.93; 4, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:33.07; 5, W Peterlhoner (It) 1:33.10; 6, A Sicardat (Nor) 1:33.31; 7, J E Thorsen (Nor) 1:33.37; 8, L Alphand (Fr) 1:33.39; 9, G Mader (Austria) 1:33.50; 10, M Hangl (Switz) 1:33.75. British: S Pession and G Ball did not finish.

ICE HOCKEY

POOL B: Slovakia 10, Italy 4; France 1, Sweden 7; Canada 3 United States 3.

ICE SKATING

MEN: Technical programme: 1, A Urmanov (Russ) 0.5pts; 2, E Stojko (Can) 1.0; 3, P Candeloro (Fr) 1.5; 4, S Davis (US) 2.0; 5, O Tataurov (Russ) 2.5; 6, E Mucci (Fr) 3.0; 7, S Cousins (GB) 3.5; 8, B Boitano (US) 4.0; 9, V Petrenko (Ukr) 4.5; 10, S Sinitsin (Can) 5.0.

NORDIC SKIING

MEN: 10km classical style cross-country: 1, S Daehlie (Nor) 24min 20.1sec; 2, V Smirnov (Kaz) 24:38.9; 3, M Albarello (It) 24:42.3; 4, M Botvinov (Russ) 24:59.9; 5, S Svensson (Nor) 24.59.7; 6, M Mytylae (Fin) 25:05.3; 7, V Ulvang (Nor) 25:08.0; 8, S Fauner (It) 25:08.1; 9, H Kirvesniemi (Fin) 25:13.2; 10, A Stadlober (Austria) 25:25.4. British placing: 88, D Belam 28:00.2.

WOMEN: 10km freestyle pursuit cross-country: 1, L Yegorova (Russ) 41min 38.9sec (Tuesday's 5km 14:06.6; yesterday's 10km 27:30.1); 2, M Di Centa (It) 41:46.7 (14:28.3; 27:18.4); 3, S Belmondo (It) 42:21.1 (15:04.0, 27:17.1); 4, L Lazutina (Russ) 42:36.8 (14:44.2; 27:52.6); 5, N Gavriyuk (Russ) 42:37.5 (15:01.6; 27:35.9); 6, T Dybendahl (Nor) 42:50.3 (14:48.1; 28:02.2); 7, K Neumannova (Cz) 42:50.4 (14.49.6; 28.00.8); 8, A Moen (Nor) 43:21.6 (14:39.4, 28:42.2); 9, A Ordina (Swe) 43.31.7 (14.59.2; 28.32.5); 10, S Villeneuve (Fr) 43.37.7 (15.31.9, 28.05.8).

MEDALS

	G	S	B	T
Norway	4	3	0	7
Russia	3	5	2	10
Italy	2	1	2	5
United States	2	1	0	3
Germany	1	1	0	2
Canada	1	0	2	3
Holland	0	1	2	3
Austria	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
France	0	0	1	1
Japan	0	0	1	1

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN: 3,000m: 1, S Bazhanova (Russ) 4:17.43; 2, E Hunyady (Austria) 4:18.14; 3, C Pechstein (Ger) 4:18.34; 4, L Prokasheva (Kaz) 4:19.33; 5, A Thomas (Holl) 4:19.82; 6, S Hashimoto (Japan) 4:21.07; 7, H Yamamoto (Japan) 4:22.37; 8, M Dascalu (Rom) 4:22.42; 9, C Zijlstra (Holl) 4:23.42; 10, M Ogasawara (Japan) 4:25.27. Disqualified: G Niemann (Ger) and E Balci (It).

TODAY

All times GMT

09.00: Biathlon, women's 15km; Luge, men's doubles, first and second runs.
11.30: Nordic combined, individual 90m ski jump.
13.00: Speed skating, men's 1,000m.
14.00: Ice hockey, Germany v Russia.
16.30: Ice hockey, Finland v Austria.
18.00: Ice skating, ice dance compulsories.
19.00: Ice hockey, Czech Republic v Norway.
TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.20-15.50; 18.00-21.00

Tout and Paul look the part in final practice

FROM CHRIS MOORE IN LILLEHAMMER

MARK Tout, of Britain, warmed up for the two-man bobsleigh competition at the weekend with the fourth fastest time on the final day of official practice here at the Winter Olympics yesterday.

Tout and his brake man, Lenny Paul, were 0.40sec down on the defending champion, Gustav Weder, of Switzerland, who will create Olympic history on Sunday if he becomes the first driver to retain the two-man title.

Two years ago at the Albertville Games, Tout and Paul were the surprise leaders after the first two runs only to slip back the following morning to finish sixth.

"I'm a lot more relaxed this time round and I'm totally focused on what we've got to do," the British champion said. "We tried something different on our first run today and, by the look of our split times, it seems to have worked. We've always said our best chance of a medal here will be in the four-man, but I'll be disappointed if we don't get a top-six finish at least this weekend."

Weder has already struck lucky by being handed the No 1 start in the draw for tomorrow's opening run. Tout, 33, has the initial disadvantage of being drawn twelfth in his Zanussi sled, but that means he will be fourth to go on Sunday's reversed order for the third run.

"The important thing was not to be drawn in the middle," Horst Hornlein, the British team manager, said. "The draw is critical here because so much is going to be decided by start times and everybody wants good ice.

"Everyone in the sport, including Tout, was surprised when he led the last Olympic race, but he has learnt a lot since then and has grown up as a driver.

"He's been driving well all season, but this is the first time we have had a race over four runs and the big test is coming now."

Sean Olsson, who will partner Paul Field in the No 2 British bob, had the seventh-fastest combined time in yesterday's practice. Although disappointed to be seeded in the second group, he still has the chance from his No 17 start to earn a place in the top 15 for the second and fourth runs.

Plum assignment provides no encouragement to get stewed

Many of us who make our living by the pen — a fellowship that includes this column — look forward to press launches. They tend to take place in civilised locations such as the Savoy Hotel and the food and drink on offer is commensurate with the appeal of the product.

For this reason, when the California Prune Board invited us to the exordium of National Prune Week, we accepted with enthusiasm: made do with a light breakfast and partook of a spoonful of olive oil which is known to facilitate intake of substantial quantities of alcohol without deleterious consequences.

In the taxi on the way to the venue — a medical institute in Charterhouse Square near Smithfield meat market — we noticed that it was snowing, that many roads were jammed with traffic and we felt elated: fewer hacks means more food and drink for us.

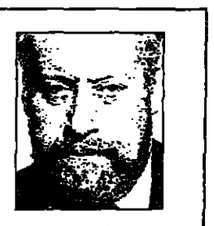
The institute, part of St Bartholomew's Hospital, is situated in a distant courtyard approachable on foot past two checkpoints.

"Which way to the prunes?" we asked at the barriers.

Directions were given by shivering security men.

At length, only ten minutes after the appointed time, we entered a basement room with the word "photocall" inscribed on a piece of paper attached to the door. The dietary secrets of Britain's sports stars were to be revealed. A woman vested with minor authority approached, asked if we were a journalist. The fact that we were not wearing a green eyeshield nor had a pen behind our ear probably confused her.

We had actually hoped for a welcome, a word of appreciation for braving the elements and perhaps the offer of a glass of hot tea laced with rum such as you get at street corners in Vienna. As we were a journalist, we put our coat on a chair, looked around the room and recognised a few lightweight oarsmen, the strongest man in the United Kingdom, the woman arm wrestling champion of the world and Jo Durie, who was all we had when it came to "best British tennis player".



FREUD ON FRIDAY

Also in the room were a few media colleagues, five prune people, a chocolate cake with frosting and a plate of thick-cut wholemeal bread egg sandwiches — past their first flush.

We asked if we might sample a piece of cake, took silence for assent and munched. It was not the best piece of cake this column had eaten: if it was fashioned of California prunes, no one made mention of the fact.

At 11.30am, Professor Greg McLatchie, the head of the National Sports Medicine Institute, made a speech accompanied by slides projected on to a screen — which was unfortunately hidden from our sight by the projector.

The professor, having told us that he had been a boxer, spoke of the institute's objectives: to standardise the sports injury service. To assess how quickly injured people became detrained. He talked of structure rehabilitation, mentioned Gazza, asked the workman who was hammering at metal sheeting outside the door to keep quiet and referred to the sudden death syndrome. He said he would like to see faculties for sports medicine in the United Kingdom ... but there was a long way to go.

After this, remembering who is buttering his bread, he opined that smoking and alcohol were bad, diet was important and three out of four sportswomen are on prunes.

The prune people beamed. Small sample bags each containing four Californian prunes were distributed and we ate one.

It was an outstandingly good prune — flavoursome, moist, pitted — which is American for "stoned", a word which is no longer acceptable as is not "fruit". In the United States, "stoned fruit" would be taken to refer to a cross between Oliver Reed and Rock Hudson.

A dietician came next: gave it to us like it was "translate science into dietary advice. Seventy-kilo athletes need 700 grams carbohydrates a day else they feel tired.

"Prunes are low fat, rich in carbohydrates and only 11 calories each — ideal athlete diet. Hunger for success is matched by hunger for food. People don't drink enough water." We would have drunk to that last remark had we had something with which to toast it.

Jo Durie, who is taller than we realised, read from a script which began: "Good morning. I have just been snacking on some Californian prunes to give me energy to do the California prune work-out and they really are a tasty snack, ideal for sports people."

She has less talent as a reader than a tennis player. She ended with the words: "I would like to launch this healthy eating and fitness booklet during National Prune Week ... it gives a list of how many calories you burn up a minute in the different sports: in tennis it is 7.7."

The professor asked for questions. The journalists waited for drinks. Then, while the athletes were indulging in an aerobic prune work-out to the cardio-funk *Prune Song* — which may have come from the musical *Maxwell* and is unlikely to be seen again either — we ate some more prunes.

We also accepted the prune tune cassette and a prune T-shirt, bade them farewell and burnt up several calories sliding across the snow to a hostelry where we adjusted the deficiency with whisky and took a desultory look at the fact sheet.

We are way behind the world's No 1 prune-eating nation — Japan — but we are catching up. Californian prune harvesting starts in mid-August, takes 30 days. Eighty-eight per cent of British housewives believe prunes are healthy. A colourful double-decker bus will tour major cities with Prunelope, the lively prune mascot. We don't think we have left anything out.



Durie testified to the health-giving properties of the wrinkled replenisher at the launch of National Prune Week. Photograph: Alan Weller

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Wicketkeeper draws on art of survival to launch comeback

Russell sees rich return in images of past glory



Alan Lee in Jamaica follows the fortunes of one of English cricket's most dedicated servants

No Englishman present, far less the 11 who actually played, will easily forget the Test victory over West Indies in Kingston in 1990, but Jack Russell has more reason than most to look fondly upon this forbidding city. It gave him the greatest moment of the first half of his career and helped set him up in business. Now, four years on, it will witness his return from the cricketing wilderness.

The England party flew here from Barbados yesterday and tomorrow, when the Test series begins at Sabina Park, he will be one of five English survivors — Stewart, Smith, Fraser and Malcolm are the others — from the victors of 1990. Russell, however, has survived more than mere time. He has won back his place, after 18 months and 12 Test matches — although he did not play in England's victory over West Indies in the first one-day international in Bridgetown on Wednesday — and won at least a temporary injunction against the extinction of the specialist Test wicketkeeper.

Russell was a wide-eyed new boy when England sensationally secured their first win over West Indies for 16 years — so new that it was his first overseas Test, so wide-eyed that he took a souvenir photograph of the winning stroke and, unwittingly, launched his alternative career as an artist.

Long after the memorable celebrations — "I was on a high for a whole day" — had abated and the tour had ended in narrow defeat, Russell was inspired by watching a video of the game to dig out his photograph and paint the scene. The result was his first commercial print, a limited edition of 405, which has become a collectors' item.

His talent with a paintbrush is now so established, his gallery and his commission book so thriving, that he no longer needs to play cricket for the money. But lest anybody imagines the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper might not care quite so passionately, or prepare quite so exhaustively as once he did, certain details should be reported.

He is still customarily the last to leave practice sessions. Often he will linger, in pads, taped-down shirtsleeves and that shabby old sun-hat, hours after his team-mates have gone, completing his idiosyncratic exercises in some far-flung corner of a ground before retiring for another solitary evening in his hotel room with bananas to eat, tea to drink and a taped play to listen to.

He remains a self-confessed oddball, faddish, fretful and paranoid about certain aspects of his cricket, yet endlessly engaging for all that. The pleasure in having him back extends beyond the personal, however, and towards the principle of protecting the game's specialists — a principle, thankfully, which Michael Atherton, the newly-installed England catpain, holds dear.

Freeing Alec Stewart to concentrate on what he does best, which is opening the batting, is one great plus. The other is the restoration of a wicket-keeper with skills above the simply adequate. In the Caribbean, more than anywhere on the cricketing map, this is an asset beyond value.

"It is the hardest place in the world to keep wicket," Russell said. "Everywhere we went on the last tour, I found the bounce was so uneven that a lot of balls would not carry to me but a few would rear up over my shoulder. At one point when this was happening, the fielding helmet was behind me and I seriously thought about putting it on myself.

"To counter the ball not carrying, I find it best to stand closer to the stumps, but the downside of this is that it makes the nicks that much harder to take. I conceded more byes on that first tour here than I have ever done but I didn't feel I had kept badly."

Nor did he bat badly. Indeed, stung by the sneering of certain television commentators who believed him inept and intimidated by fast bowling, he batted for a long time, almost saving the Test in Barbados and playing a full part in the win in Kingston.

"Runs were personally very important to me. I had never played against the West Indies before and I didn't know if I could do it. I found it was like playing on another planet, where you had to bat longer, concentrate harder and put up with getting hit about the body. It will be just the same this time, but I know what to expect now."

The experience which Russell, 30, brings with him on this tour has produced a discernible change in personality. He is more outgoing, even being extremely unfaithful to his image by snorkelling on a free day in Antigua. This is something on which he likes to seek reassurance. "I think I am a bit different, a bit more relaxed," he said, "but those who know me of old might be more aware of it than I am.

"If I have mellowed at all, there are good reasons. I enjoy being a senior player and the responsibilities that come with it, but I also think I control my mind better than I did. I have four kids now as a priority in my life, so that although cricket is still an all-consuming thing and the failures and disappointments still hurt like hell, I can handle them."

He has had plenty of practice at that, since he last appeared in a Test, plenty of opportunity to wonder if that Old Trafford match of July 1992 would prove to be the end of his career with England. "There was always an element in me which feared I had played my last Test," he admitted. "The lowest moment came last June, watching the Lord's Test against Australia. That is the pinnacle for any player and to be missing out on it, when I so badly wanted to be there, was sheer agony.

"But if things like that didn't hurt, I would start worrying, start thinking I ought to pack up. I am frightened to death of losing that edge and the fear, if anything, makes me work harder than ever to justify what I expect of myself and what others expect of me."

Tomorrow cannot be just another day for Jack Russell, no matter how hard he tries to convince himself: "I try not to dwell on having been out of the side for a year and a half and to channel my mind into it being one more Test. I like to think I am only halfway through my career yet. If this is a fresh start, I just hope it is as good as the last time I was here."

GRAHAM MORRIS



Russell takes a break from wicketkeeping duties in Antigua on his way to a Test return for England

BARBADOS SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton c Richardson b Cummins (180min, 147 balls, 6 fours)	86
†A J Stewart c Lara b Benjamin (46min, 34 balls, 2 fours)	11
G P Thorpe c Adams b Benjamin (26min, 14 balls)	4
R A Smith c and b Harper (31min, 23 balls)	12
G A Hick c Simmons b Cummins (83min, 63 balls, 4 fours)	47
M P Maynard not out (22min, 16 balls, 1 four)	22
C C Lewis not out (13mn, 7 balls)	6
Extras (b 4, lb 7, nb 3)	14
Total (5 wkts, 203min, 50 overs)	202

PROGRESS: 10 overs: 31, 20; 51: 30: 89; 40: 138

S L Watkin, A P Igglesden, D E Malcolm and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35 (Atherton 20 not out), 2-45 (Atherton 25), 3-73 (Atherton 40), 4-166 (Hick 43), 5-176 (Maynard 3).

BOWLING: Ambrose 10-2-36-0 (5-2-7-0, 2-0-9-0, 3-0-19-0); Walsh 10-0-42-0 (4-0-32-0, 4-0-13-0, 2-0-6-0); Benjamin 10-2-38-2 (6-2-8-2, 3-0-20-0, 1-0-10-0); Cummins 10-1-28-2 (5-1-11-0, 3-0-7-0, 2-0-10-2), Harper 10-0-48-1 (one spell).

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Malcolm b Igglesden (62min, 38 balls, 3 fours)	17
B C Lara c Igglesden b Malcolm (17min, 16 balls, 2 fours)	8
*R B Richardson c Maynard b Lewis (48min, 28 balls, 1 four)	12
K L T Arthurton b Lewis (37min, 23 balls, 1 four)	6
P V Simmons b Lewis (4min, 1 ball)	0
†J C Adams c Thorpe b Igglesden (84min, 55 balls, 3 fours)	29
R A Harper lbw b Watkin (31min, 22 balls, 1 four)	11
A C Cummins c Thorpe b Malcolm (56min, 38 balls, 3 fours)	24
W K M Benjamin c Thorpe b Tufnell (5min, 5 balls)	0
C E L Ambrose c Smith b Malcolm (21min, 18 balls)	10
C A Walsh not out (2min, 1 ball)	1
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 11)	22
Total (184min, 40.4 overs)	141

PROGRESS: 10 overs: 32: 20: 55; 30: 94; 40: 136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17 (Haynes), 2-43 (Richardson 11), 3-48 (Arthurton 2), 4-48 (Arthurton 2), 5-55 (Adams 1), 6-82 (Adams 11), 7-121 (Cummins 20), 8-122 (Cummins 21), 9-136 (Ambrose 6), 10-141 (Walsh 1)

BOWLING: Malcolm 8.4-1-41-3 (6-1-23-1, 1-0-12-0, 1.4-0-6-2); Watkin 8-1-27-1 (5-1-14-0, 3-0-13-1), Lewis 8-2-16-3; Igglesden 8-2-12-2 (6-2-9-1, 2-0-3-1), Tufnell 8-0-32-1 (4-0-16-0, 4-0-16-1)

Umpires: L H Barker and C R Duncan. Match referee: Sunil Gavaskar

Man of the match: M A Atherton.

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 26: Jamaica. Mar 2: St Vincent. Mar 5: Trinidad. Mar 8: Trinidad

Pakistan pacemen leave New Zealand struggling

NEW Zealand made a disastrous start and then tumbled to 175 all out on the first day of the second Test against Pakistan at the Basin Reserve, Wellington, yesterday. New Zealand, already 1-0 down in the three-Test series, lost Bryan Young, to the fourth ball of their innings and never recovered their composure. By the end of the day, Pakistan had reached 35 for one in reply and can expect to build a large first-innings lead.

New Zealand were dismissed for 242 and 110 on their way to a five-wicket defeat in the first Test and displayed a similar lack of application yesterday. The pitch called for solid performances by the New Zealand batsmen, but only Andrew Jones lasted longer than two hours.

"It was very disappointing because several of the batsmen got out in ways we've being try to work on in the last few days," Geoff Howarth, the New Zealand coach, said. Young was adjudged leg-before to Wasim Akram's fourth ball of the morning, but Blair Pocock and Jones put their heads down and took the score to 40 without further mishap.

However, just when the pair appeared likely to get through to lunch, Pocock was bowled by a fine delivery from Ata-Ur-Rehman. New Zealand lunched at an uneasy 49 for two and suffered a further blow soon after the break when Rutherford, the captain, was out from the first ball after the break. Jones, 43, and Greatbatch, 45, made a determined stand, but, after they went, New Zealand's innings fell apart.

Akram finished with four for 60, while Waqar Younis and Rehman took three wickets each. Taking his lead from his impressive bowlers, Anwar quickly reached 30 for Pakistan when their innings began, although his partner, Aamir Sohail, was out to Morrison's final ball of the day.

NEW ZEALAND First Innings

B A Young lbw b Akram	0
B A Pocock b Rehman	16
A H Jones lbw b Rehman	43
K R Rutherford c Raza b Rehman	7
M J Greatbatch c Latif b Waqar	45
S A Thomson b Akram	7
T E Blain c Saeed b Waqar	8
M Han not out	12
D K Morrison c Latif b Akram	5
S E Doull c Basit b Waqar	17
R P De Groen b Akram	4
Extras (lb-7, nb-4)	11
Total (66 overs)	175

FALL: 1-0, 2-40, 3-49, 4-100, 5-126, 6-128, 7-140, 8-149, 9-170

BOWLING: Akram 24-10-60-4 (nb-2), Waqar 22.5-5-51-3 (nb-2), Rehman 15-4-50-3, Raza 6-4-7-0

Pakistan: First Innings

Saeed Anwar not out	30
Aamir Sohail lbw b Morrison	2
Akram Raza not out	0
Extras (lb-2, nb-1)	3
Total (for 1 wkt)	35

Asif Mujtaba, Salim Malik, Basit Ali, Inzamam-Ul-Haq, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Ata-Ur-Rehman to bat

BOWLING: Morrison 6-1-21-1 (1-nb), De Groen 3-2-6-0, Doull 3-1-6-0.

Influence of Reeve apparent in colony game plan

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

AT THE outset of the fifth ICC Trophy competition, Hong Kong were not expected to cause too much excitement and an early exit was widely predicted for a team composed mainly of expatriate financiers from England and Australia.

It now appears those early calculations, based on past performances, did not take sufficient account of the influence of English cricket's acknowledged one-day expert, Dermot Reeve.

Acting as both coach and mentor to the colony of his birth, Reeve has seen Hong Kong finish level in runs in games with the more-fancied Denmark and Bermuda and yesterday celebrated the crushing defeat of Fiji by seven wickets.

The margin of victory might well have been wider but for an unusual over from Steve Atkinson. Shortly after Fiji lost their ninth wicket for 78, Atkinson was introduced as Hong Kong's seventh bowler and proceeded to concede 37 runs from his only over.

Atkinson's team-mates did not seem unduly upset by this largesse — which included a no-ball and four wides — and in chasing a higher-than-expected total of 126, they were able to improve their overall run-rate by galloping home in 17 overs.

Denmark, the main threat to Hong Kong's progress from group D, took 37.2 overs to pass West Africa's 146 at the Premier Club and the gap in respective run-rates between the pair has narrowed to only three hundredths of a run.

In a tight finish, run-rate could decide quarter-final places and the ICC committee are unhappy with Atkinson's over. However, while there is a rule forbidding declarations in one-day games, it is hard to envisage a law to prevent runs being given away.

The United States, involved in a three-way fight with Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates for advancement from group C, were also conscious of the need to score quickly and hurried to the 106 runs needed to beat East Africa in only 14.4 overs.

Argentina did their North American cousins a favour by keeping the Emirates at the crease for 24.3 overs, after scoring 128, and Ireland moved a step closer to the last eight with a comfortable six-wicket win over Gibraltar.

Alan Lewis, he new Ireland captain, made the top score once again and Garfield Harrison recorded his 2,000th run for his country in international cricket.

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Cricket minnows jostle for World Cup prize

Marcus Williams picks out likely qualifiers from the fifth ICC Trophy tournament now under way in Kenya

ENGLAND v Kenya, Pakistan v Holland and West Indies v Bangladesh may sound unlikely encounters on the cricket field, but they could all become live possibilities over the next fortnight.

Since last weekend in Kenya, the 20 associate members of the International Cricket Council — among whom Kenya, Holland and Bangladesh are the top seeds — have been contesting the fifth ICC Trophy and, for the first time, three teams will qualify to play in the next World Cup alongside the nine Test-playing countries.

The qualifiers will be known after the final and the key third-place match, which are scheduled for the weekend of March 5 and 6.

Both previous winners of the ICC Trophy, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, have graduated to Test match status, so new names will take part in the expanded World Cup, which is due to be held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka early in 1996.

The tournament in Kenya has the trappings of an international sporting event. There are competitors from all parts of the globe, sponsorship from a leading Dutch bank helping to defray costs estimated at around £500,000, an unexpected visit from cricket's traditional companion — rain — and already squabbles concerning player eligibility, pitch preparation and rain rules.

Yet its participants are, in the main, part-time cricketers. A vivid reminder of this came as the United States team was about to depart: their leading fast bowler, Kenrick Dennis, produced a new excuse for not playing cricket when he withdrew from the 16-man party in order to be able to pursue a career as a reggae singer.

The teams began assembling in Nairobi during the last week in January to acclimatise to conditions 5,000 feet above sea level and prepare for a total of 75 matches that are scheduled, all in the Nairobi area, in the main and plate competitions.

It is nearly 30 years since associate membership of ICC was inaugurated, to encourage countries "where cricket is firmly established and organised" but playing standards were not up to Test class.

Sri Lanka (then Ceylon), Fiji and the United States were the first to be elected, followed a year later by Bermuda, Denmark, East Africa and Holland, until the total reached 20 with the entry of Ireland last year.

Ireland, together with Namibia and the United Arab Emirates, are making their first appearance in the ICC Trophy, which has not previously been staged outside Europe. The first three competitions, like the early World Cups, were held in England, and the 1990 event took place in Holland.

Sri Lanka were the first winners, beating Canada in the final at Worcester in 1979, and not long afterwards they were elected to full-member status. Zimbabwe then established a monopoly, defeating Bermuda, at Leicester in 1982, and Holland twice, at Lord's in 1986 and in The Hague in 1990, before also becoming full members.

In Zimbabwe's absence, no country started as clear favourite, although early results have confirmed Bangladesh, Holland and Kenya as genuine contenders. Home advantage favours Kenya, who broke away from the East African cricket federation in 1981. They have performed with increasing success in the competition, finishing third last time. A recent victory over Zimbabwe and easy wins in their two opening matches, with a team that now has a strong African base, have raised hopes of success.

Robbie Armstrong, who is the secretary of the local organising committee, forecasts crowds of up to 10,000 if Kenya reach the last four.

Holland, beaten finalists in the last two competitions and victors over England XIs in recent years, have plenty of battle experience and the steel of Roland Lefebvre, of Glamorgan, and former overseas professionals, who are now resident in the country.

Sadly, however, they do not have the services of Andre van Troost, the Somerset quick bowler, who prefers not to jeopardise his chances of playing for England — he will be qualified in 1998 — by appearing for his native land.

Bangladesh is the only one of the competing countries that can claim to house a Test match ground: Dacca (now Dhaka) staged seven Tests from 1955 to 1969 before the split between east and west Pakistan.

Bangladesh finished third in the 1990 competition and, now coached by the former Indian Test batsman, Mohinder Amarnath, have gained important experience with matches against their senior neighbours on the sub-continent.

It is to be hoped that the comment of an umpire from the 1986 tournament still holds good about their team: "They were invariably polite and the bowler always apologised when an appeal was turned down."

Rivals in Bangladesh's group are the two "Uniteds". The United States have made little impact in the past, but now have a side packed with West Indian immigrants. The United Arab Emirates are also strong in former first-class players, from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, some of whose eligibilty is being looked at by the organisers. They are coached by Madan Lal, the former Indian Test bowler.

Ireland, at the first attempt and with the former Leicestershire player, Justin Benson, in their side, are hopeful of emulating the republic's football team by qualifying for a World Cup, while Bermuda seem to have recovered ground after slipping from the heights they achieved in 1982, when they lost narrowly in the final to Zimbabwe. They came fourth in 1986 and finished bottom of their group in 1990.

They can call on the all-round experience of Noel Gibbons, who, together with Steven Lubbers, captain of Holland, has taken part in every ICC Trophy.

Hong Kong have already made their mark on Bermuda's group by featuring in two nail-biting finishes, which is not not surprising when it is realised that their coach is a master of the arts of limited-overs cricket — Dermot Reeve, born in the colony and now of Warwickshire and England.

Challenging Hong Kong are Denmark, who finished third in 1986 and have Ole Mortensen, of Derbyshire, to spearhead their attack. As for the rest, only Papua New Guinea may make the grade, although the plate competitions ensure all countries a minimum of seven matches.

The latter stages will be watched by top brass from the ICC and the Kenyan government. Then the successful sides will embark on a programme of warm-up games to prepare for sterner tasks ahead when they take guard against the world's best cricketers two years from now.

ICC TROPHY DRAW

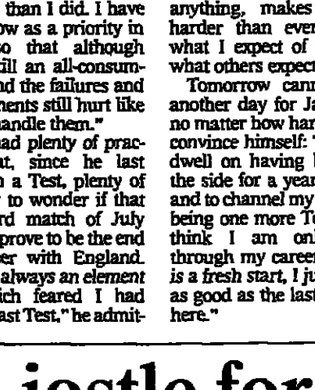
FIRST ROUND (Feb 12 to 21; round robin): Group A: Gibraltar, Holland, Ireland, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea. Group B: Argentina, Bangladesh, East Africa, United Arab Emirates, United States. Group C: Canada, Israel, Kenya, Namibia, Singapore. Group D: Bermuda, Denmark, Fiji, Hong Kong, West Africa. The top two teams from each group qualify for the quarter-finals; third and fourth enter a plate competition; fifth enter a league of their own

QUARTER-FINALS (Feb 23 to 27; round robin): Group E: winners of groups A and C, runners-up of groups B and D. Group F: winners of groups B and D, runners-up of groups A and C

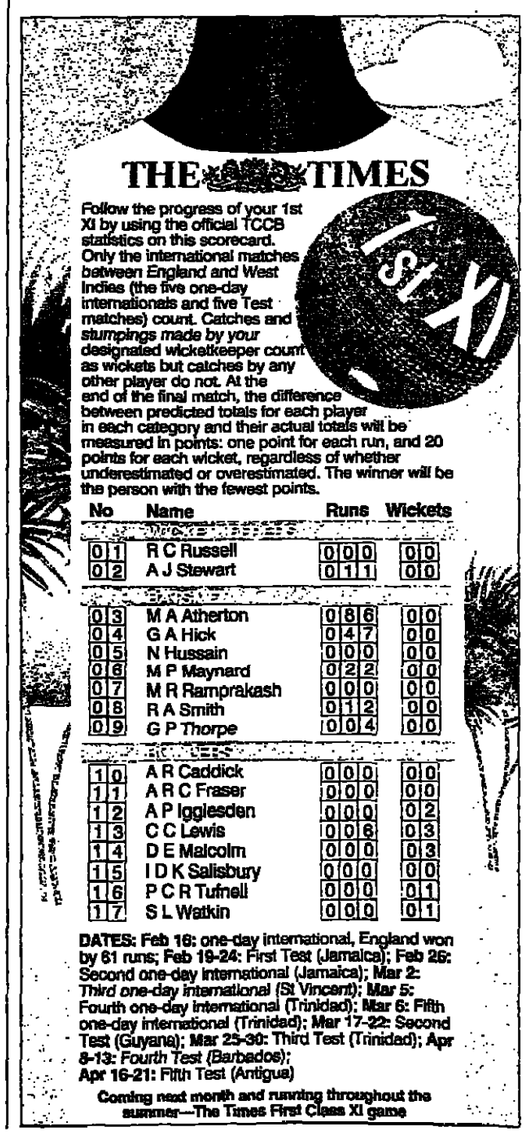
SEMI-FINALS (Mar 1 and 3): winners of Group E v runners-up of group F; winners of Group F v runners-up of group E. Third-place play-off (Mar 5).

FINAL (Mar 6).

All matches 50 overs per side



Lefebvre: battle-hardened



Follow the progress of your 1st XI by using the official TCCB statistics on this scorecard. Only the international matches between England and West Indies (the five one-day internationals and five Test matches) count. Catches and stumpings made by your designated wicketkeeper count as wickets but catches by any other player do not. At the end of the final match, the difference between predicted totals for each player in each category and their actual totals will be measured in points: one point for each run, and 20 points for each wicket, regardless of whether underestimated or overestimated. The winner will be the person with the fewest points.

No	Name	Runs	Wickets
01	R C Russell	000	00
02	A J Stewart	011	00
03	M A Atherton	086	00
04	G A Hick	047	00
05	N Hussain	000	00
06	M P Maynard	022	00
07	M R Ramprakash	000	00
08	R A Smith	012	00
09	G P Thorpe	004	00
10	A R Caddick	000	00
11	A R C Fraser	000	00
12	A P Igglesden	000	02
13	C C Lewis	006	03
14	D E Malcolm	000	03
15	I D K Salisbury	000	00
16	P C R Tufnell	000	01
17	S L Watkin	000	01

DATES: Feb 16: one-day international, England won by 61 runs; Feb 19-24: First Test (Jamaica); Feb 26: Second one-day international (Jamaica); Mar 2: Third one-day international (St Vincent); Mar 5: Fourth one-day international (Trinidad); Mar 6: Fifth one-day international (Trinidad); Mar 17-22: Second Test (Guyana); Mar 25-30: Third Test (Trinidad); Apr 8-13: Fourth Test (Barbados); Apr 16-21: Fifth Test (Antigua)

Coming next month and running throughout the summer—The Times First Class XI game

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Holden's optimism tinged with caution for visit of Barnsley

Unsung Oldham back on glory trail

BY PETER BALL

FOUR years ago, an unsung northern second division club, the team from a town of chimneys, caught the imagination of the nation with their cup exploits. Oldham Athletic reached the final of the Rumbelows Cup and matched Manchester United blow for blow in two riveting FA Cup semi-final matches before going out in a blaze of glory.

Thanks to the impetus created by those cup runs, Oldham are now an FA Carling Premiership team, but at some cost. Their success had the big clubs calling and the team was picked apart. Yet, with a home tie against Barnsley tomorrow and so many giants having fallen by the wayside, they could go one better and reach Wembley this time.

"We've got a better chance than the 70 teams who have already been knocked out," Rick Holden, their winger, said, "but we're not doing cartwheels of anticipation. What happened last time hardens your outlook."

FA CUP

That caution, typical of a native Yorkshireman, is understandable. Although 1990 ended with nothing tangible to show for it, its knock-on effect was profound. "That whole season happened so quickly — they were halcyon days without you realising it."

This was the time when Oldham, who had always been a dour, hard-to-beat second division team, threw off their shackles and blossomed. They then not only became successful, they did it with style.

"The fluency of the way we played was born out of having no fear and that's a credit to the people in charge at this club," Holden said. "I can't stand the anxiety that comes off some benches with managers and coaches ranting and raving at you. With Joe Royle, we will never get any of that and so people aren't afraid to express themselves."

Had the team been kept together, they might now be a considerable force in the top flight, but economics determined otherwise and Denis Irwin, Earl Barrett and Paul Warhurst went for big fees. Eventually the captain, Mike Milligan, and Holden went, too, but they have now both returned, Holden after spending an unhappy spell with Manchester City.

"If I was cynical, I'd say that I could have been tied to a radiator in Lebanon for 15 months, but I wasn't, I was earning a living and playing some football," Holden, 29, said. "I look at it as a good sabbatical from Oldham. It did me no end of harm, but perhaps it stimulated me to come back to Oldham and play with renewed vigour."

Of that there is little doubt. In one game soon after his return, his body language as he picked his way down the touchline with that characteristic rolling gait revealed a different, much happier person to the tense, hunched figure of his days at Maine Road. He had undoubtedly come home.

"It is refreshing coming back," he agreed, "and I think I feel more responsibility for things now. That's one of the things about big clubs, you can't influence things in the same way as you can at small clubs. They are always a bit friendlier.

"The attitude of some big clubs annoys me — the Chelsea programme was very patronising about us when we went there and I had a run-in with them about it. Who the hell are Chelsea anyway? Big clubs who behave humbly are probably the most successful and a lot of these other big clubs are just masquerading."

On Saturday, Oldham, as the Premiership team, will be a big club to Barnsley. "You've got to watch that Scargill, the best striker they've had in years. He'll bring them out." Holden quipped before turning serious again.

"They've got an inspirational captain in Neil Redfearn, whom I regard as one of the best midfield players in the country and whom I still thank for taking the penalty that won us the second division championship. He'll be charged up for it and they'll think they've a great chance coming to Oldham, but if we play with a free spirit, I think we can do it."

IAN STEWART



Holden, back where he belongs at Boundary Park, looks forward to tomorrow's FA Cup fifth-round tie

Tranmere join parade

BY PETER BALL

THE Endsleigh Insurance League has been enjoying itself hugely at the expense of the FA Carling Premiership in the FA Cup and, on Wednesday night, the contagion spread to the Coca-Cola Cup as Tranmere Rovers took a 3-1 lead over Aston Villa in the first leg of their semi-final.

Villa's only consolation was that it could have been worse. Had Dalian Atkinson not scored in the dying seconds following a disputed free-kick, Villa would have assuredly joined Blackburn, Leeds, Everton, Liverpool, Newcastle and Arsenal, who have all suffered cup exits at the hands of first division teams this year.

Tranmere, like Bolton, Bristol City, Luton and Charlton, did it with some style, matching the Premiership side with football rather than muscle: "I have a team here that can play good football," a proud John King, the Tranmere manager, insisted.

Atkinson's goal gives Villa hope, although, as his namesake, manager Ron, remarked afterwards, "We will have to play much better than that if we are to have a chance." As it is, Tranmere's defence will be strengthened for the return match, on Sunday week, with Higgins and Thomas, who each missed Wednesday's game through suspension, both available.

"It was the most spirited performance of any team I've been associated with," Pat Nevin, who had an outstanding game, said afterwards. With Nevin and Aldridge, whose coolly-taken goal bore his trademark, Tranmere will not lack experience of the big occasion when they go to Villa Park.

Peter Johnson, the club's millionaire chairman and prospective owner of Everton, has been dissatisfied with the town's reaction to the team's progress, but even he could not criticise the capacity crowd on Wednesday.

Johnson has overseen a remarable revival by a club which faced extinction when he took it over at the bottom of the fourth division, with gates down to 2,000.

Bedford revival takes off

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

BARRY Stephenson recollects vividly the matches Bedford Town played against Arsenal in the Southern League club's run in the FA Cup in 1955-56. "We drew 2-2 at Arsenal," Stephenson said, "and they beat us 2-1 when we returned to Bedford. We were 1-0 up with four minutes to go and they came back to win. It was the day we nearly beat the great Arsenal." In 1963-64 Bedford, known as the Eagles, beat Newcastle 2-1 at St James' Park in the third round.

In 1982, however, Bedford Town lost their ground and, unable to find a new site, sold it. Five years ago, Stephenson decided to try to revive the club and found support in plenty at a meeting in the lecture hall of Bedford library, where he was in charge of local studies.

The enthusiasts were rewarded when, in May 1991, the club was accepted into the South Midlands league first division, playing on a council recreation ground.

Last season, Bedford brought in Terry King, who had retired after 40 years with Potton United, as manager, with Tony Sullivan dropping to assistant. They then swept to the first division title by 13 points.

Promotion brought problems: an enclosed ground with floodlights was needed. The council came to the rescue by offering a site 2½ miles from the centre of the town. All summer, volunteers worked with builders to create a football ground.

The work completed, Meadow Lane was opened by Trevor Brooking and attracted a crowd of 3,000 for a match against Peterborough United in August. Led by the goalscoring of Jason Reed, the captain, the team has won 17 and drawn two of its 19 matches in the premier division to stand 20 points clear at the top.

The new Bedford Town intend to move into the Diadora League if the the title is secured: "We're shortly going to launch an appeal for the £50,000 we need to do the work required by the League," Stephenson said.

Dorahy's outburst to be investigated

A VIDEO tape of Wigan's remarkable 20-13 home defeat by Wakefield Trinity on Wednesday will be studied by Rugby Football League officials to see whether complaints about the referee by the Wigan coach were justified (Christopher Irvine writes).

If not, John Dorahy faces a hefty fine and possible suspension for his scathing attack on Robin Whitfield, the Widnes official. "He is too old and too outdated and he cannot handle the game," Dorahy said. "His display was disgusting, the worst I have seen all season."

Whitfield said yesterday that he thought he handled the game well. "This sounds like people looking for excuses," he said. On his home league debut, Va'aiga Tuigamala, the former New Zealand rugby union wing, was one of the few Wigan players to emerge with credit, but sustained a suspected fractured cheek bone in the process.

Lewis ready in May

BOXING: Lennox Lewis' World Boxing Council heavyweight title defence against Phil Jackson, of the United States, is almost certain to be held in Atlantic City on May 6, but the decision to accept the offer in New Jersey has been delayed after a last-minute request from Canada (Srikumar Sen writes).

Elliott Kerr, a Canadian sports management group, told Lewis' manager, Frank Maloney, that it was interested in staging the bout in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. Maloney said yesterday that he was waiting until the weekend to assess the offer. A consortium of Atlantic City casinos have offered a fee of about £500,000 to stage the bout.

Backing for title bid

EQUESTRIANISM: Britain's three-day event team, which will attempt to regain the world championship title in July, is to be sponsored by the Frizzell Group as part of a sponsorship package for horse trials announced by the company yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes). The package also includes a new novice series.

☐ Helen Bell, Ginny Elliot, Kristina Gifford and Charlotte Bathe have been excused from competing at Badminton in May provided they compete in the Saumur three-day event in France from April 21 to 24.

Brown's requests met

FOOTBALL: The Scottish League yesterday showed full support to Craig Brown in his attempt to lead the international team to the 1996 European championship finals in England. A total of six Saturdays will be left free next season to assist the Scotland coach prepare for vital qualifying ties, while the League have decided on a complete winter shut-down for 16 days next December. Brown had requested co-operation from the League and the management committee agreed to all his demands. He said: "I'm very pleased that the League have been so supportive."

Cross dominates Ahl

TENNIS: Karen Cross beat Lucie Ahl 6-3, 6-2 in an all-Devon quarter-final clash at the Lawn Tennis Association women's challenger tournament in Newcastle yesterday. Cross, the 1993 national championship runner-up, dominated the match from the back of the court to see off her lower-ranked opponent in an hour. She allowed Ahl to pull back from 3-0 to 3-2 in the second set before winning 12 of the last 13 points. Cross, 19, from Exeter will face the third seed, Linda Neimantsverdriet, of Holland.

Davies claims crown

BOWLS: Julie Davies, of the Ogwr Club in Bridgend, won the Welsh women's indoor singles title for the second time when she defeated the holder, Betty Morgan, who is also the British champion, at Earlswood yesterday. Davies scored ten of the first 14 shots, lost the initiative and then recovered to sweep to a 21-17 victory. Evelyn Norcup, Rhian Parry, Mary Hancock and Janet Ellis, representing Ffrith, won the fours championship, beating Ogwr, skipped by Davies, 23-19 in the final.

SNOW REPORT

	Depth (cm) L.	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	130	215	good	varied	good	fine	-4	14/2
(Piste conditions remain excellent)								
AUSTRIA								
Igls	10	65	good	varied	poor	cloud	-2	17/2
(Some bare patches on lower runs)								
Schladming	45	150	good	crust	icy	snow	4	17/2
(Light snowfall improving conditions)								
St Anton	60	300	good	fair	good	cloud	-2	17/2
(Some icy patches on well-used pistes)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	150	240	good	varied	good	sun	-10	15/2
(Ideal skiing conditions, excellent snow)								
Chamonix	40	345	good	varied	fair	fine	0	15/2
(Pistes becoming hard-packed)								
La Plagne	145	305	good	varied	good	fine	-3	15/2
(South-facing off-piste slopes becoming crusty)								
S Chevalier	50	165	good	varied	good	fine	0	14/2
(Good skiing on well-groomed pistes)								
Tignes	140	280	good	varied	good	fine	-9	10/2
(Off-piste mixture of crust and wind-packed snow)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	105	120	good	varied	good	cloud	-4	17/2
(Overnight sprinkling improving conditions)								
Gstaad	20	75	good	varied	worn	sun	0	10/2
(Excellent conditions on upper slopes)								
St Moritz	90	160	good	varied	good	sun	-1	11/2
(Superb skiing on excellent pistes)								
Villars	40	170	good	varied	fair	cloud	2	10/2
(Some lower runs becoming icy)								
Wengen	35	100	good	varied	good	fine	0	17/2
(Excellent piste skiing after overnight snow)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 102 Houston 97; Miami 109 Chicago 101; Denver 107 Milwaukee 95; Phoenix 126 Portland 100; Utah 103 Los Angeles Clippers 93; Sacramento 94 Philadelphia 92 (OT).

NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Thames Valley 98 (Holley 22, Scantlebury 22) Manchester 80 (Craven 21) (agg. 191-156).

BOWLS

EARLSWOOD: Welsh women's indoor championship finals: Singles: J Davies (Ogwr) bt B Morgan (Radnorshire) 21-17 Pairs: J Davies and B Morgan (Radnorshire) bt A Dainton and E Brown (Vale of Glamorgan) 21-15 Triples: Cardiff (M Pomeroy) bt Swansea (W Morris) 19-12. Fours: Ffrith (J Ellis) bt Ogwr (J Davies) 23-19

BOXING

STEVENAGE: British and Commonwealth lightweight championship (12 rnds): Billy Schwer (Luton, holder) bt Sean Murphy (St Albans) rsc 3rd Light-middle (6 rnds): Geoff McCreesh (Bracknell) bt Tony Waldron (Liverpool) pts; (6 rnds). Nicky Thurbin (Carmarthen) bt Warren Stephens (Birmingham) pts. (4 rnds). Steve McNeece (Bethnal Green) bt Billy McDougall (Birmingham) pts. (8 rnds). Shaun Cummins (Leicester) bt John Kaighin (Swansea) rsc 3rd Light-heavy (6 rnds). Monty Wright (Stevenage) bt Bobby Mack (Birmingham) rsc 3rd Middle (6 rnds). Gilbert Jackson (Batter-

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CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney (second day) New South Wales 391 (M Nemwell 75, M Bevan 67) South Australia 123 and 52-1 Melbourne (first day) Tasmania 283-5 (M DiVenuto 89) v Victoria.

NAIROBI: ICC Trophy: Ireland bt Gibraltar by 6 wkts. Gibraltar 136-9 (C McCrum 4-16). Ireland 138-4 (A Lewis 44). Fiji 126, Hong Kong 127-3; Argentina 128, United Arab Emirates 131-2. East and Central Africa 105, United States 106-1, Papua New Guinea 165, Malaysia 116, West Africa 146, Denmark 147-5

FOOTBALL

BRAZIL: Sao Paulo league: Sao Paulo 4, Ferroviaria 0 Corinthians 3, Mogimirim 2; Novo Horizontino 2, Guarani 1, Bragantino 2, Uniao Sao Joao 0, Palmeiras 0, America 0, Ponte Preta 1, Portuguesa 1, Santo Andre 2, Juano 2

KING'S CUP: South Korea 5, Malaysia 1, Thailand 4, 1, Porto (Russ) 1.

Late results on Wednesday

COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Tranmere Rovers 3 Aston Villa 1

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Notts County 1 Southend United 0 (aet, agg 1-1, Notts County win 4-3 on pens)

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Malta 1 Belgium 0 (in Valletta); Italy 0 France 1 (Naples)

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round, replay: Bohemians 1 Shamrock Rovers 0

SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Celta Viga 3, Tenerife 0

GERMAN LEAGUE: FC Cologne 1 Schalke 04 1

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 0 QPR 1, West Ham 2 Swindon 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolves 2 Blackburn 0. Second division: Scunthorpe 1 Hull 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE. Premier division: Molesey 2 Hendon 3. Carlsberg Trophy: Third round: Feltham and HB 1 Epsom and E 3

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Third round: Boston 1 Burton 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: First division: Sudbury 0 Maidenhall 4.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE. Premier division: Bideford 2 Elmore 0

BERKS & BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round: Wycombe W 1 Marlow 3

FA YOUTH CUP: Ipswich 1 Peterborough 0

EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final sanes: Group A: Olympiakos (Gr) 82 Barcelona 64, Limoges (Fr) 90 Mechelen (Bel) 53. Group B, Benfica (Por) 78 Joventut Badalona (Sp) 63.

GOLF

MELBOURNE: Australian Masters: first round scores (Australian unless stated): 66: G Kenny 67: G Sweet (US) 68: W Grady 69: M Harwood, P Burke (US) 70: C Bransdon, G Stratfold, E Droop, E Els (SA), K Tomori (Japan), R Boles, T Gale, S Owen (NZ). 71: B Jones, P Teravainen (US) 2 Zarkic, G Moorhead (NZ), L Wadkin, R Allenby, R Swanson, P McWhinney, S Scahill (NZ), W Smith. 72: A Penner, D Ecob, S Appleby, P Devonport (NZ), G Merrick, G Simpson, J Clifford, M Clayton, M Colandro (US), J Senior. 73: A Stolz, A Knoll (Can), J Wagner, M King, T Elliott, B Ogle, I Baker-Finch, P Senior, R Backwell, C Van Der Velde (Holl), D Anastasi-Smith, P Whitlock, G Norman, M Campbell (NZ), N Yuhara (Japan), T Herron (US)

MANILA: Philippine Open, first round: 67: C Chui-siang (S Kor), M Stewart (US). M Cumming (US). 68: E Campbell (GB), Hsieh Cheng-shiang (Tai) 69: J Rutledge (Can), R Mossi (US). Other score: 70: R Rafferty, (Ire).

INDIAN WELLS, California: Bob Hope Classic, first round (US unless stated): 63: H Sutton, 64: R Black, 65: J Delsing, D Hammond, C Dennis. 66: M Allen, J Mudd, T Seckmann, B Estes, J Gallagher, J Huston, S Hoch, B Tway, G Boros, F Funk. 67: L Clements, G Day, B Wadkins, J Wilson, P Stankowski, B Fabel, D Martin, S Simpson, L Suveta, P Jordan, T Moore, B Burns, K Clearwater, P Stewart, D Mast, T Dodds (Kenya), A Magee

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 7 Florida 3, Buffalo 5 Hartford 3, Boston 3 Dallas 0; Anaheim 6 Philadelphia 3.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield 20, Birmingham 2.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: COMBINED SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Singles: Quarter-finals: Capt J Illingworth bt Maj Gen T Toyne Sewell 9-15, 15-12, 14-17, 15-10, 15-12; Capt A Gordon bt Lt Col B Aitken 8-15, 9-15, 15-10, 15-12, 18-14; Capt S Segrave bt Col J Smith-Bingham 15-11, 15-12, 9-15, 15-10 Doubles, Quarter-finals: B Aitken and D Crosby bt H Akerman and G de Lattre 15-12, 9-15, 14-17, 15-12, 15-11; P Thomson and J Edwards bt F Shorrock and J Smith-Bingham 18-14,15-9, 15-2; D Panton and M Nicolls bt A Gordon and S Segrave 15-11, 15-9, 14-17, 6-15, 15-2

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: COMBINED SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Singles: Second round: Brig C Wright bt Capt P Thomson 10-7, Capt J Wheeler bt Maj Gen M Tennant 11-10, Capt A Gordon bt Capt M Norton 12-8; Capt J Illingworth bt Col S Miller 11-10 Quarter-finals: Lt Col B Read-Felstead bt Brig C Wright 12-8; Capt J Wheeler bt Maj M Shelford 14-2; Capt A Gordon bt Capt M Norton 12-7; Lt Col B Aitken bt Capt J Illingworth 12-8. Doubles: First round: Steadc and Trentham bt Norton and Shorrock 10-9; Wheeler and Read-Felsted bt de Halpert and de Halpert 12-8; Watts and Rich bt Segrave and O'Dwyer 11-7 Second round: Mason and English bt Nobbs and Polley 12-7, Panton and Wright bt Steede and Trentham 11-7, Dobbie and Fellowes bt Thomson and Park-Weir 11-10; Aitken and Gordon bt Akerman and de Lattmero 10-8, Wheeler and Read-Felsted bt Shelford and Miller 12-8, Disley and McMurragh bt Vaughan and Myrtle 12-5.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Wigan 13 Wakefield 20. Postponed: Castleford v Widnes. Second division: London Crusaders 13 Keighley 10 Postponed: Dewsbury v Doncaster.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Oxfordshire 33 Oxford University 30 Cancelled: Cambridge University v Luddites, Durham City v Durham University, Newcastle Gosforth v Newcastle University.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cardiff 72 Cross Keys 14

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army 7 Surrey 13

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: International Open: Quarter-finals: J Parrott (Eng) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-4

TENNIS

NEWCASTLE: LTA Women's Challenger Tournament: Quarter-finals: M Seboki (Ger) bt C Schneider (Ger) 2-6, 7-5, 6-0; M Maruska (Austria) bt K DeWeder (Holl) 7-5, 6-4; L Niemantsverdriet (Holl) bt J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) 6-4 4-6, 6-4, K Cross (Devon) bt L Ahl (Devon) 6-3, 6-2.

BRAMHALL: LTA men's indoor satellite: T Henman (GB) bt R Matheson (GB) 6-2, 6-1; F Cousin (Bel) bt I Baron (US) 6-2, 6-1, B Gyetko (Can) bt A Richardson (GB) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, M Barnard (SA) bt C Beecher (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, S Hendrickx (US) bt A Vysand (Est) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, L Manta (Switz) bt A Lasch (Ger) 6-4, 6-3, A Baust (Fr) bt M Menegschincheri (It) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

PHILADELPHIA: Men's indoor tournament: first round: I Londl (US) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt C Adams (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; T Martin (US) bt A Reichel (US) 6-1, 1-6, 6-4. Second round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt A O'Brien (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt G Rusdedski (Can) 7-6, 6-3; J Elseph (Holl) bt L Mattar (Braz) 7-6, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt R Furlan (It) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1

PARIS: Women's tournament: First round: W Probst (Ger) bt S Noorlander (Holl) 6-3, 6-3, M Navratilova (US) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-2, 6-2, M Pierce (Fr) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-4, 6-1 Second round: L Courtois (Bel) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, C Vis (Holl) bt Pforos 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt W Ferreira (SA) 3-6, 6-3, 8-2, H Leconte (Fr) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt E Kafelnikov (Russ) 7-6, 7-5, 6-1. Second round: M Stich (Ger) bt A Cherkasov (Russ) 6-2, 6-1

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Second round: A Frazer (US) bt A Gevaldon (US) 6-1, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-2, 6-2, M McGrath (US) bt A Coetzer (SA) 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (Ger), 2, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp); 3, M Navratilova (US), 4, C Martinez (Sp); 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 6, J Novotna (Cz Repl, 7, M-J Fernandez (US); 8, K Date (Japan).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Swansea v Barnet

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Watford, Arsenal v Ipswich (2.0).

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newcastle T v Eastwood

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES. Briton Ferry v Ton Pentre, Cambran v Haverfordwest, Porthmadog v Conwy

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Halifax v Warrington

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Oldham v Manchester (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS. AAA indoor championships (Birmingham)

SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth)

RUGBY UNION

International match
England A v Ireland A
(at Richmond, 2.30)

Representative matches
England Students v Ireland Students (at Bournemouth, 6.15)
Wales Students v France Students (at Cardiff Arms Park, 6.30)
Wales Under-18 v France Under-18 (at Swansea, 6.30)

CLUB MATCHES: Abertawe v South Wales Police, Aberavon v Bridgehead, Bath v Pontypool, Bedford v Cardiff, Blackheath v Exeter, Cheltenham v Metropolitan Police, Clifton v Lydney, Coventry v Nottingham (7.15), Cross Keys v Bryncethin, Glamorgan Wanderers v Pontypridd, Gloucester v Newport (7.0), Kidderminster v Tenby United, Leicester v Bedford (7.15), London Irish v Gamyswen, Neath v Carmarthen, Newcastle v Moseley, Northampton v Sale, Rugby Rangers, Penarth v St Simon Peterlee, Pontypool v Mountain Ash (7.15), Rosslyn Park v Old Wesley (7.15), Southend v Saracens (at Richmond), Tredegar v Torfaen (7.15), Wasps v Bath v Wanderers

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WORDWATCHING

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CARGOOSE

(c) A name for the Crested Grebe, apparently from *carr* a bog or fen, pond or mere, because it looks like a goose and breeds in meres and fens. *cf. carr swallow*: "Why there are no cargeese upon these lakes nobody informs me."

CONTRASTO

(a) Contention, strife, the original meaning of *contrast*, from the Italian *contrasto* contention, strife, *contrastare* to withstand or strive, ultimately from the Latin *contra* against *stare* to stand: "Upon this Contrasto, he was forced to avoid the fury of this enraged Lawyer, and turn Souldier."

PROTEAD

(c) Lindley's name for a plant of the order *Proteaceae*, from *Proteus*, Neptune's herdsman, an old man and a prophet, famous for his power of assuming different shapes at will, hence the phrase "as many shapes as Proteus". Lindley, *Vegetable Kingdom*, 1846: "A happier name than that of Proteads could not have been devised, for the diversity of appearance presented by the various genera is such as it would be hard to parallel in the same Natural Order."

RICHE

(b) Or *rike*, a kingdom, realm, royal domain, also, royal power or estate, sovereignty, also the kingdom of God or Heaven, common Teutonic form, OE *ricedom*; Gower, 1390: "To seche al the worldes riche, / Ther was no womman forto love."

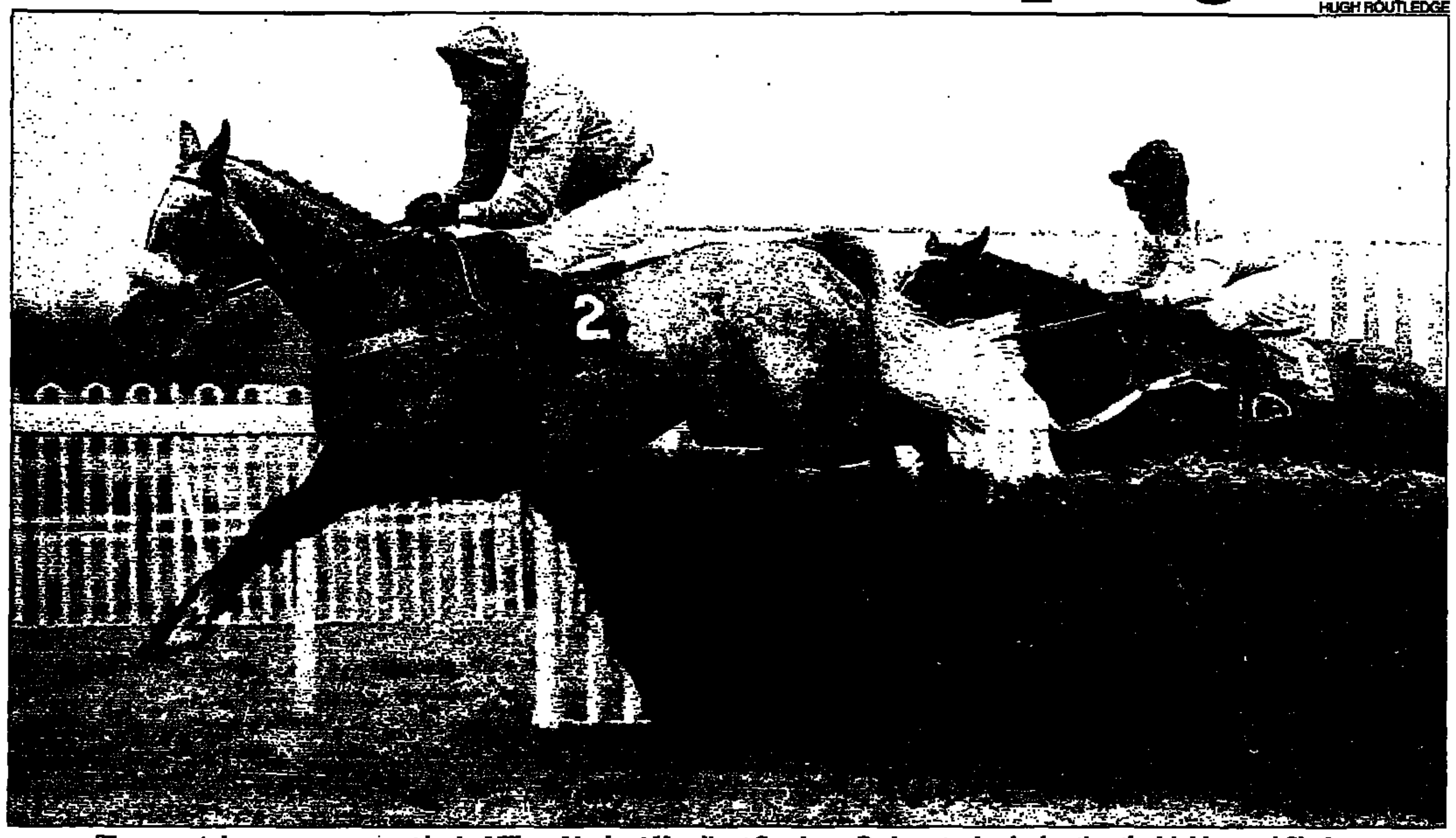
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Nxf7! Kxf7 2 Qh5+ Ke7 (not 2 . . . Kf6 3 Bg5+) 3 Qxe5 when White has won back a pawn and exposed the black king.

Wilkins confident his bold-jumping chaser has National quality

Double Silk makes smooth progress

By Julian Muscat


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The grey, Aslan, causes an upset in the Village Novices' Hurdle at Sandown Park yesterday by beating the highly-rated Shujan

DOUBLE Silk, the Grand National favourite, delighted his Aintree supporters with a series of soaring leaps in winning the Wilfred Johnstone Hunters' Chase at Sandown yesterday. The ten-year-old is now a single-figure favourite with all firms after Ladbrokes shortened him two points to 8-1.

On this evidence, Double Silk, trained in the Mendip hills by the 67-year-old farmer, Reg Wilkins, looks sure to complete the National course. Some of his jumps were extravagant almost to a fault; the one at the last, with which he sealed his victory, would have given him a copule of feet to spare over Becher's Brook.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TOCHENKA
(2.40 Fakenham)
Next best: Well And Truly
(2.00 Southwell)

However, his faultless jumping aside, Double Silk has yet to cross swords with the calibre of horse he will encounter at Aintree. His performance yesterday, no more than would be expected of a 15-8 on shot, was rendered all the more facile when Radical Views, his most dangerous opponent, crashed out of the race at the second fence.

Nevertheless, both Wilkins and his jockey, Ron Treloggen, were more than satisfied with the afternoon's work, particularly as the race distance, an extended 2½ miles, was some way short of his best. "This will have done him a lot of good," Wilkins ventured. "He's fitter now than he was at the same stage last year, but I'm sure I've got more to work with."

Wilkins intends to run Double Silk at Warwick on March 3 before the horse bids to repeat his Foxhunters' Chase victory at the Cheltenham festival. "We'll definitely miss the Gold Cup now that we know he's got that light weight [10st 1lb] in the National. The horse won't even know he's got Ron on his back," the trainer said.

There has been speculation that Treloggen would be obliged to put up some overweight at Aintree, thereby compromising the horse's chance, but even that potential chink has been ironed out: "I was on the scales earlier and the valets said I would have no problems at all making the weight," Treloggen said.

Treloggen, it seems, has always favoured bypassing the Gold Cup at Cheltenham to keep Double Silk fresh for Aintree: "If he ran in the Gold Cup I think he would finish in the first three, but that would take the edge off him. I've thought he was made for the National for years," he said.

A sad footnote is that Double Silk's breeder, Patricia Eyre, died last week. She hand-reared the horse as a foal after his dam, Yellow Silk, herself died soon after giving birth to Double Silk. Her long-held ambition was to breed a National winner; how dearly she would love to have witnessed the horse's assault on the famous Aintree fences. His chance is obvious.

There were plenty of Cheltenham pointers on yesterday's card. Edimbourg, as is his wont, made all the running to win his sixth successive race for Henrietta Knight's stable. The much-improved eight-year-old still has Champion Hurdle aspirations, although Knight mentioned a catalogue of possible festival targets. At this stage the most likely option appears to be the Imperial Cup-County Hurdle double, which carries a £50,000 bonus.

Any lingering Champion Hurdle hopes harboured by Shujan's connections promptly sank in the mud when he was comprehensively outrun by Aslan in the Village Novices' Hurdle. Sensibly, Reg Akehurst, Shujan's trainer, said the five-year-old would now contest the Supreme Novices' Hurdle, in which he could again clash with Aslan.

On the Gold Cup front, Bradbury Star was found to have strained muscles in his quarters. The gelding, a 12-1 shot with Hills, has been off work but is absolutely sound, according to Josh Gifford, his trainer. Gifford said of his stable star, who disappointed badly in the Agfa Chase on this course two weeks ago: "He just tweaked a muscle in his back which took a few days to come out. I'm certain he'll be perfectly in order for the big one at Cheltenham."

Eider Chase switched as weather claims two cards

THE recent cold spell claimed a further two meetings yesterday. Today's card at Edinburgh was called off yesterday due to frost, while tomorrow's meeting at Newcastle, which featured the Tote Eider Chase, was lost to snow.

Newcastle was unable to stage the Fighting Fifth Hurdle in November due to the weather, but the £25,000-added Eider Chase has been switched to Monday's card, provided the track passes an inspection on Sunday.

The swift transference of the Eider Chase is another example of the flexible approach adopted by the British Horseracing Board (BHB). The BHB also acted quickly to switch the Victor Chandler Chase to Warwick on January 15 after the course at Ascot was deemed unraceable.

There has been betting on the race since the five-day stage and all wagers with William Hill, Corals and Ladbrokes will count for the re-arranged date. "There has been no change of venue and the race has not been re-opened so under Tattersalls' rules all bets will stand," William Hill spokesman David Hood explained.

Ante-post favourite Moorcroft Boy remains an intended runner. Trainer David Nicholson said yesterday: "If they transfer the race to Monday's meeting we would still go. If that is off too we would have to review the situation. The obvious alternative is the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock. Then it would be straight on to the Grand National."

Second favourite Master Oats is also likely to run on the re-arranged date. His trainer, Kim Bailey, said: "I have not spoken to the owner yet but I think he would most probably run. It is an eight-hour journey up to Newcastle, so we would have to be confident the race was on before setting off."

Today's two other turf meetings should go ahead as planned. Sandown staged the first day of their two-day meeting with no problems yesterday, and a spokeswoman for Fakenham reported that the snow had cleared from the track yesterday.

Nottingham has thawed out and officials are confident with no severe frosts forecast. Channel 4 was scheduled to televise the meeting at Newcastle, but will now show the last five races from Nottingham, together with two from Windsor.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Rose King
2.10 Uncle Ernie
2.40 The Widget Man
3.15 CARIBOO GOLD (nap)
3.45 Coonawara
4.20 Erckule
4.55 Lead Vocalist

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 **ERCKULE**.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.40 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £3,046: 2m 110yd) (16 runners)

101 20-B1 ROSE KING 13 (CD,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 7-11-10 D Murphy 94
102 360114 TOPPING TOM 20 (D,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 C Llewellyn 95
103 43-1622 HAWAIIAN YOUTH 23 (D,BF,G) (G Redford) R Rowe 6-11-5 G McCourt 99
104 BREYFAX (J Gillo) G Gillo 5-11-0 G Crone (7) –
105 00- CHARGED 343 (B Cooper) P Hobbs 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs –
106 0/243 DUTCH MONARCH 31 (R Allen) Miss B Sanders 7-11-0 A Dicken (3) 94
107 0-0 GILPA VALU 77 (Miss N Thesiger) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 I Lawrence 89
108 0/000- IDIOM 373 (Mrs J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
109 38-000 RAGTIME BOY 77 (The Hole In The Wall Gang) C Barwell 6-11-0 B Clifford 85
110 0-P SARACEN'S BOY 36 (M Churches) M Churches 6-11-0 Mr B Pollock (7) –
111 032-40 VITAL WONDER 53 (K Costello) D Elsworth 6-11-0 P Holley 98
112 1- AVENA 282 (F) (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 7-10-9 G Upton –
113 COSMICECHOEXPRESS (T Keane) Miss C Caroe 7-10-9 S Earle –
114 6 MRS MONEYPENNY 34 (C Courage) M Wilkinson 5-10-9 P Ward (7) –
115 22-03 SLIPMATIC 22 (E Wilkinson) P Jones 5-10-9 R Dunwoody 88
116 B-00 STANDAROUND 172 (P Henderson) D Elsworth 5-10-9 A McCabe –

BETTING: 7-4 Rose King, 4-1 Hawaiian Youth, 9-2 Vital Wonder, 5-1 Topping Tom, 10-1 Dutch Monarch, 14-1 Gilpa Valu, Avena, 20-1 Ragtime Boy, Slipmatic, 25-1 others.

1993: DUKE OF APROLON 6-10-9 P Hide (9-2) J Gifford 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROSE KING beat Jymjam Johnny 6l in a 7-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy). TOPPING TOM 14½l 4th of 7 to Relkeel in a novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). Previously beat The Frog Prince 1½l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). HAWAIIAN YOUTH head 2nd of 16 to Mames Boy in a novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yds, heavy). DUTCH MONARCH best recent effort when 4l 2nd of 16 to Sprintayre in a national hunt flat race here (2m 110yds, good). VITAL WONDER 15½l 4th of 12 to Auburn Castle in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. AVENA beat Prince Of Prey 10l in a 15-runner National Hunt Flat race at Hereford (2m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: ROSE KING

2.10 SQUIRREL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,760: 2m) (3 runners)

201 P-22142 YOUNG SNUGFIT 20 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 10-11-10 J Osborne 96
202 5-56312 UNCLE ERNIE 13 (D,G,S) (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-6 M Dwyer 99
203 384F22 SETTER COUNTRY 13 (D,F,G,S) (R Alley) R Hodges 10-10-0 R Dunwoody 87

Long handicap: Setter Country 9-2.

BETTING: 10-11 Uncle Ernie, 13-8 Young Snugfit, 5-1 Setter Country

1993: YOUNG POKEY 8-12-0 J Osborne (13-8 fav) O Sherwood 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SNUGFIT ½l 2nd of 4 to Good For A Laugh in a handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Wonder Man ½l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good). UNCLE ERNIE was a 1l 2nd of 6 to Blazing Walker in the grade II Marston Moor Chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yds, soft). Earlier 17½l 3rd of 5 to Billy Bathgate in a handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good to soft) with YOUNG SNUGFIT (1lb better off) 8l 4th. SETTER COUNTRY 8l 2nd of 4 to Sailors Luck in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, soft).
Selection: UNCLE ERNIE

2.40 STAG HANDICAP CHASE (£4,509: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

301 4/12B/5 CELTIC SHOT 27 (C,D,G,S) (D Horton) C Brooks 12-11-10 G Bradley –
302 216USP INDIAN TONIC 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-13 C Maude 98
303 214-413 THE WIDGET MAN 9 (D,F,G,S) (A Tisley) J Gifford 8-10-9 P Hide (3) 99
304 5R22-5R THE LEGGETT 8 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 11-10-4 M A Fitzgerald 96

BETTING: Evens The Widget Man, 2-1 Indian Tonic, 9-2 Celtic Shot, 12-1 The Leggett.

1993: WONT BE GONE LONG 11-10-11 R Dunwoody (13-2) N Henderson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELTIC SHOT ¾l 2nd of 5 to Auntie Dot in a limited handicap chase at Haydock (3m, good) in November 1991. Recently 45½l 5th of 5 to Flakey Dove in grade II Champion Hurdle Trial at Haydock (2m, soft). INDIAN TONIC made much of the running before finishing 29l 5th of 9 to Moorcroft Boy in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (4m 1f, soft) on penultimate start. THE WIDGET MAN beat Avonburn neck in a 4-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. THE LEGGETT 2l 2nd of 9 to Little Tom in a hcap chase at Hereford (2m 3f, soft) in May 1993.
Selection: THE WIDGET MAN (nap)

3.15 PHILIP BARNARD MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,863: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

401 0121-P0 CARIBOO GOLD 17 (G,S) (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) K Bailey 5-11-10 A Thornton 96
402 1/01001 SUNSET AND VINE 9 (D,G,S) (Sunset & Vine Plc) S Dow 7-11-9 (5ex) A Dicken 93
403 502300 SEA BUCK 9 (CD,G,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 8-11-5 R Davis 93
404 662112 CRABBY BILL 9 (V,D,G,S) (Financial Trace) Miss B Sanders 7-10-6 A Procter 99
405 403-U02 LEAVENWORTH 10 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 10-10-5 Pat Thompson (7) 94
406 15-314P BRIGHTLING BOY 11 (B,D,F,G,S) (M Hayden) D Grissell 9-10-2 D Fortt 91
407 0UR-430 WICKET 9 (G,S) (Powic Ltd) M Wilkinson 9-10-0 P Ward (7) 92
408 40435P ACCESS SUN 11 (F,S) (Dajam Ltd) J King 7-10-0 T Jenks 88
409 F-F0046 WINABUCK 46 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Crawford) R Dickin 11-10-0 D Meredith 92
410 01541/P MISS PURBECK 46 (S) (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 7-10-0 S Fox (5) –

Long handicap: Wicket 9-12, Access Sun 9-11, Winabuck 9-9, Miss Purbeck 9-8.

BETTING: 3-1 Sunset And Vine, 4-1 Crabby Bill, 9-2 Leavenworth, 11-2 Cariboo Gold, 8-1 Sea Buck, 10-1 Brightling Boy, 12-1 Wicket, 14-1 Access Sun, 16-1 Miss Purbeck, Winabuck.

1993: SEA BUCK 7-10-2 R Davis (9-1) G Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CARIBOO GOLD best effort beat Aremef 3l in an 8-runner novices handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good) last season. SUNSET AND VINE was hard held when beating CRABBY BILL (7lb better off) ¾l in a 9-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, heavy) with SEA BUCK (5lb better off) tailed off. SEA BUCK better effort 9l 3rd of 5 to Kaytak in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). CRABBY BILL previously beat Soleil Dancer 1½l in a 4-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). LEAVENWORTH was a 3l 2nd of 9 to Shannon Glen in a handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). WICKET was a 10l 3rd of 8 to Captain Dolford in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start with CRABBY BILL (1lb better off) 9½l 6th.
Selection: SUNSET AND VINE

3.45 BADGER NOVICES CHASE (£4,072: 2m 4f 110yd) (3 runners)

501 11-1111 COONAWARA 13 (G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-9 B Powell 99
502 2/21P-F COULDNT BE BETTER 71 (BF,S) (R Whitle) C Brooks 7-11-2 G Bradley –
503 6/4-P2 LOS BUCCANEROS 17 (F,G) (L Wilson) S Christian 11-11-2 G Upton 68

BETTING: 1-6 Coonawara, 13-2 Couldnt Be Better, 12-1 Los Buccaneros.

1993: FIGHTING WORDS 7-11-4 P Hide (10-11 fav) J Gifford 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

COONAWARA completed four-timer beat In The Navy 15l in an 8-runner novice chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). Previously beat Nickshine 15l in a 6-runner novice chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft). COULDNT BE BETTER fell 6 out behind Easy Buck in a 5-runner novice chase at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) on chasing debut. Best effort beat Old Bridge neck in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) last season. LOS BUCCANEROS 3l 2nd of 7 to Seon in a novice chase at Nottingham (2m, soft).
Selection: COONAWARA

4.20 CAT & MOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £2,851: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

601 16 BAGALINO 69 (CD,G) (Sir Eric Parker) G Harwood 11-7 M Perrett 83
602 016 WOLLBOLL 18 (D,S) (M Weaver) P Makin 11-4 Richard Guest 76
603 COLLIER BAY 126F (W Sautt) J Old 11-0 T Grantham –
604 02 ERCKULE 13 (The Saxon Partners) N Gaselee 11-0 C Llewellyn 99
605 0226 KARAR 20 (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 11-0 R Dunwoody 90
606 303 LODESTONE LAD 10 (Mrs D Weaver) R Dickin 11-0 D Meredith (3) 76
607 3 MANILA BAY 9 (Dajam Ltd) J King 11-0 J R Kavanagh 84
608 2F06 PHROSE 23 (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 11-0 Peter Hobbs 78
609 EDITHMEAD 141F (Million In Mind Partners) N Henderson 10-9 M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 2-1 Erckule, 7-2 Bagalino, 4-1 Collier Bay, 5-1 Edithmead, 7-1 Karar, 16-1 Lodestone Lad, Phrose 25-1 Wollboll, Manila Bay.

1993: INDIAN RUN 4-11-0 W Irvine (2-1) R Hodges 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAGALINO was a 27l 6th of 8 to Admiral's Well in grade II Wetton Cleaning Hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, good to soft) with KARAR (3lb better off) 4l 7th. Previously beat Wings Cove ¾l in a 6-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good). WOLLBOLL ran on to beat PHROSE (4lb better off) 1½l in a 19-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft) with LODESTONE LAD (4lb better off) 2l 3rd. COLLIER BAY was a 4l 2nd of 12 to Safety In Numbers in a handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start on Flat. Makes hurdles debut. ERCKULE 3½l 2nd of 10 to Devils Den in a novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy). KARAR better effort neck 2nd of 9 to Wings Cove in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good to soft). LODESTONE LAD 11l 3rd of 9 to Hostile Witness in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft)
Selection: BAGALINO

4.55 SANDOWN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,926: 2m 110yd) (22 runners)

1 12 LEAD VOCALIST 48 (BF,S) (A Pratt) R Rowe 5-11-10 C Burnett-Wells (5) –
2 CASTLE CHIEF (J Clopet) J Gifford 5-11-3 D Murphy –
3 FINAL SEASON (Mrs J Kempe) N Mitchell 5-11-3 B Powell –
4 0 FIVEPERCENT 104 (The Hole In The Wall Gang) C Barwell 6-11-3 B Clifford –
5 GO BALLISTIC (Mrs B Lockhart) D Nicholson 5-11-3 R Massey (7) –
6 HUGE MISTAKE (R Greenslade) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 C Llewellyn –
7 F JAY EM ESS 27 (Mrs J Stennett) D Barons 5-11-3 J Frost –
8 JIBBER THE KIBBER (J Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 D Bohan (7) –
9 2 KILLONE ABBOT 22 (BF) (Lady Lloyd Webber) J Old 5-11-3 T Grantham –
10 00 LEENEY 27 (J Bosley) J Bosley 5-11-3 M Bosley –
11 2 LIGHTENING LAD 30 (R Peterson) J King 6-11-3 Mr E James (7) –
12 MASTER HOPE (Deeley Partners) D Nicholson 5-11-3 Mr R Bevan –
13 PURBECK CAVALIER (B Curtis) Mrs J Retter 5-11-3 Mr J Culloty (7) –
14 4 SO HOPEFUL 30 (M Padfield) D Barons 5-11-3 R Davis (3) –
15 EMMA'S WAY (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 5-10-12 M Keighley (7) –
16 JOLLY SENSIBLE (J Gifford) J Gifford 5-10-12 J J Brown (7) –
17 MISS PANDY (A Ashford) G Enright 6-10-12 M Perrett –
18 QUADRAPOL (C Harrison) S Christian 5-10-12 P Mella (7) –
19 BLUE DOCTOR (Mrs E Eagles) R Hodges 4-10-7 R Dunwoody –
20 DEPTFORD BELLE (Deptford Racing Club) R Curtis 4-10-2 G Crone (7) –
21 NAHLA (The Sale Six) Miss J Doyle 4-10-2 S Curran (5) –
22 0 STRAY HARMONY 34 (Winwood Connell Partners) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-2 T Jenks (5) –

BETTING: 7-2 Lead Vocalist, 4-1 Killone Abbot, 11-2 Huge Mistake, 6-1 Castle Chief, 8-1 Jibber The Kibber, 10-1 Lightening Lad, Master Hope, 12-1 Go Ballistic, 20-1 So Hopeful, 25-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LEAD VOCALIST 1½l 2nd of 14 to St Mellion Fairway in a National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). Previously beat Auto Pilot neck in a 22-runner National Hunt Flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). FIVEPERCENT 40l 15th of 16 to Sprintayre in a National Hunt Flat race over course and distance (2m 110yd, good). KILLONE ABBOT short-head 2nd of 18 to Bear Claw in a National Hunt Flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). LIGHTENING LAD 2½l 2nd of 18 to Courtown Boy in a National Hunt Flat race at Ludlow (2m, good) with SO HOPEFUL 17l 4th. STRAY HARMONY 58l 15th of 25 to Tip The Dove in a National Hunt Flat race at Warwick (2m, heavy).
Selection: LEAD VOCALIST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy Fitzgerald	3	9	33.3	A Dicken	3	9	33.3
D Nicholson	22	69	31.9	P Hide	4	16	25.0
G Harwood	5	17	29.4	R Dunwoody	30	125	24.0
C Brooks	12	48	25.0	D Murphy	14	65	21.5
K Bailey	7	35	20.0	M Perrett	8	45	17.8
J Old	3	16	18.8	C Llewellyn	5	32	15.6

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Nagobelia. 2.40 Tochenka. 3.10 Chief Rager. 3.40 Master Jolson. 4.10 Le Chat Noir. 4.40 Child Of The Mist.

Brian Beel: 4.10 Kilfinny Cross.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,983: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 2 SALISONG 105F (BF) J Whyte 5-12-0 Mr M Gingell (7) 80
2 2444 NAGOBELIA 6 (D,BF,S) J Pearce 6-11-13 A Maguire 88
3 3301 WEEKDAY CROSS 71 (CD,S) J Jenkins 6-11-10 J Railton 91
4 2P/ SWAN WALK 671 (CD,S) Mrs N Macauley 6-11-8 N Williamson –
5 P030 ELEGANT FRIEND 58 (CD,G,S) M Tompkins 6-11-8 M Richards 99
6 2052 PINECONE PETER 8 (V,F,S) O Brennan 7-11-6 M Brennan 98
7 -014 MORIARTY 17 (D,BF,S) R Price 7-10-9 J McCarthy (3) 90
8 P6UP LADY KHADIJA 17 G Kelly 8-10-0 R Farrant (3) 77
9 PP-P CUPID'S COURAGE 72 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 Henry Pearce (7) –

2-1 Pinecone Peter, 5-2 Weekday Cross, 5-1 Nagobelia, 6-1 Elegant Friend, Moriarty, 12-1 Salisong, 16-1 Swan Walk, 20-1 Cupid's Courage, Lady Khadija.

2.40 PRINCE CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,143: 3m) (7)

1 1113 SANDYBRAES 78 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 9-12-0 A Maguire 85
2 5-01 TOCHENKA 21 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-3 D Bridgwater 99
3 F4S1 MR TITTLE TATTLE 15 (B,D,F,G) K Bailey 8-10-10 N Williamson 80
4 131- ROYAL FLAMINGO 273 (C,F,G,S) G Bravery 8-10-9 R Beggan 84
5 4222 NEW HALEN 21 (F,G,S) A James 13-10-1 R Bellamy 96
6 /P- PRINCE NEPAL 312 (D,S) R Champion 10-10-0 M Hourigan –
7 5000 NOTARY-NOWELL 25 (B,G) F Murphy 8-10-0 Bee Armytage 71

2-1 Tochenka, 5-2 Mr Tittle Tattle, 7-2 New Halen, 4-1 Sandybraes, 5-1 Royal Flamingo, 16-1 Prince Nepal, 20-1 Notary-Nowell.

3.10 E.B.F. NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,794: 2m 5f) (8)

1 31 CHIEF RAGER 16 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 D Bridgwater 99
2 31F COILED SPRING 17 (F,G) D Nicholson 7-11-0 A Maguire –
3 PP-U FAR VIEW 22 H Hodge 5-11-0 D Skyrme –
4 -P0P FINKLE STREET 16 F Murphy 6-11-0 N Williamson 67
5 UP MANDYS LAD 51 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 W Humphreys –
6 0 MERRY PANTO 36 J Upson 5-11-0 R Supple –
7 0 CLOWN AROUND 22 J Hutsby 6-10-9 Mr L Lay –
8 40-3 FLAMEWOOD 141 Mrs D Haine 5-10-9 W Marston –

4-5 Chief Rager, 7-2 Coiled Spring, 7-1 Mandys Lad, Merry Panto, 8-1 Flamewood, 14-1 Finkle Street, 20-1 Clown Around, Far View.

3.40 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE
(Qualifier: £2,892: 3m) (12)

1 231F DONT TELL THE WIFE 8 (S) Mrs D Haine 8-11-3 D Bridgwater 90
2 3122 MASTER JOLSON 90 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 6-11-3 A Maguire 95
3 -313 PARDON ME MUM 108 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-3 N Williamson 90
4 -585 BRABAZON 13 (S) M Tompkins 9-10-10 M Richards –
5 36P CRAIGSTOWN 27 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-10 J Railton –
6 0U45 EMERALD GEM 7 (V,S) O Brennan 8-10-10 M Brennan 75
7 PUU- LE BUCHERON 325 (F,G) M Ryan 8-10-10 J Ryan 65
8 P2-4 SALLY'S GEM 13 (G) J White 9-10-10 W McFarland 99
9 F04P SILENT CHANT 51 (V,F) A Blackmore 10-10-10 D Gallagher 77
10 TRUE SHADE 685P (F,G) G Vergette 8-10-10 M Hourigan –
11 00-3 VITAL WITNESS 17 (S) K Morgan 7-10-10 A S Smith 84
12 333F KEY'S LASS 16 (S) F Murphy 6-10-5 P Murphy (7) 78

5-2 Sally's Gem, 3-1 Master Jolson, 4-1 Pardon Me Mum, 5-1 others.

4.10 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,635: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 2-P2 ARPAL BREEZE 13P (G,S) J Turner 9-11-10 P Harding-Jones (5) 71
2 102- BOLD KING'S HUSSAR 322 (F,G,S) Mrs D Plunkett 11-11-10 Miss A Plunkett (7) –
3 41 EXPRESS FRED 6P (G) G Prodromou 6-11-10 S Andrews (3) –
4 15/P- HILARION 384P (D,F,S) D Bloor 10-11-10 D Bloor (7) –
5 31-F HOUGHTON 13 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11-10 M Watson (7) 80
6 22-1 KILFINNY CROSS 27P (S) Miss C Saunders 6-11-10 J Greenall –
7 32-4 LE CHAT NOIR 14 (D,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 11-11-10 C Newport (7) 99
8 34/U MAN O'MAGIC 20P (CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 13-11-10 Mrs T Bailey (7) –
9 P3-4 PORTER'S SONG 13 (C,G) H Hutsby 13-11-10 L Lay (7) 73
10 4-13 RAGLAN ROAD 13P (D,F,G,S) W Hacking 10-11-10 Miss A Embiricos (7) 85
11 P-PP RALLYE STRIPE 20P J Wales 10-11-10 C Ward (7) –
12 BF/3 ROYAL PAVILION 7 (B) Mrs L Baker 11-11-10 C Gordon (7) 80
13 240- SKINNHILL 292 (B,F,G,S) Mrs Sarah Clarke 10-11-10 G Hogan (7) 92

11-4 Man O'Magic, 4-1 Kilfinny Cross, 11-2 Le Chat Noir, 7-1 others.

4.40 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,501: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 2100 CHILD OF THE MIST 17 (CD,G,S) J Whyte 8-12-0 A Maguire 99
2 0-30 EDEN'S CLOSE 76 (D,S) M Tompkins 5-12-0 M Richards 95
3 2651 RATIFY 6 (CD,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-12 (5ex) A S Smith 98
4 14P6 OLD EROS 24 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-10-11 P Niven –
5 12U ABJAR 13 (CD,G) P Kelleway 4-10-9 A Bates (5) 90
6 0234 ZEALOUS KITTEN 25 (D,S) R Price 6-10-7 J McCarthy (3) 98
7 2261 TYNRON DOON 17 (B,D,S) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-0 N Williamson 83

5-2 Ratify, 3-1 Abjar, 4-1 Eden's Close, 5-1 Child Of The Mist, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Vergette, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; J Upson, 4 from 10, 40.0%; M Ryan, 7 from 21, 33.3%; K Bailey, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J Jenkins, 9 from 43, 20.9%; M Tompkins, 3 from 15, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; A Maguire, 4 from 21, 19.0%; N Williamson, 4 from 24, 16.7%. Only qualifiers.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.00 Well And Truly. 2.30 Tempering. 3.00 Westfield Moves. 3.30 Life's A Breeze. 4.00 Shareoftheaction. 4.30 Suivez. 5.00 L'Etat C'Est Moi.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LAXTON HANDICAP STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 6f) (16 runners)

1 0/00- BOTTLES 94J (F,G) J Banks 7-10-0 K Rutter (5) 9
2 06-0 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 13 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 8-9-8 G Bardwell 12
3 1-63 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 35 (CD,G,S) J Hetherton 4-9-7 N Carlisle 13
4 4/00- KHAZARI 126J (G,S) R Brotherton 6-9-6 A Mackay 5
5 0-21 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 21 (B,C,G) J Wharton 4-9-2 A Clark 4
6 -615 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 21 (V,C,F,G) J Norton 6-8-12 J Weaver 14
7 2105 OLYMPIC WAY 20 (S) W G M Turner 5-8-11 T Sprake 15
8 4522 ROUSITTO 10 (BF,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-11 Paul Eddery 16
9 -100 PEAK DISTRICT 27 (G) R Lee 6-8-9 J Williams 2
10 4633 WELL AND TRULY 7 (C,G) B McMahon 7-8-7 D Holland 7
11 0/20- IN TRUTH 24J (F,S) M Hammond 6-8-3 L Dettori 3
12 4-32 MOONSHINE DANCER 7 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-3 K Darley 11
13 66-2 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 21 (F) M Hammond 6-8-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 8
14 00-0 WORTHY MEMORIES 13 C Wall 5-7-13 Dale Gibson 1
15 0660 MASTER'S CROWN 6J (B,CD,G) M Chapman 6-7-7 M Baird (7) 10
16 60/0 WINDWARD ARIOM 13 (B,CD,G) K Burke 8-7-7 J Quinn 6

5-2 Blowedifiknow, 4-1 Rousitto, 9-2 Explosive Speed, 6-1 Moonshine Dancer, 7-1 Well And Truly, 8-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 10-1 Absalom's Pillar, 12-1 others.

2.30 MAPLEBECK CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 4f) (8)

1 50-0 HAMADRYAD 13 (F,G) S Norton 6-9-7 O Pears (3) 5
2 1441 TEMPERING 14 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-7 L Dettori 8
3 4-35 LE TEMERAIRE 13J (C,D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-9-4 K Darley 1
4 06-1 TOP SHIEL 7 (CD,G) K Burke 6-9-4 D Holland 2
5 0/00 LITTLE BLACKFOOT 7 (B,G) J Harris 6-9-1 T Williams 7
6 7-60 PICKLES 13 (D,F,G) R Lee 6-8-12 J Williams 4
7 40-0 DON'T BE SAKI 13 (C,G) R Thompson 4-8-1 C Rutter 3
8 5-16 COMTEC'S LEGEND 21 (C,F,G) J Bottomley 4-7-12 N Kennedy (3) 6

7-4 Top Shiel, 9-4 Tempering, 4-1 Comtec's Legend, 8-1 Don't Be Saki, 10-1 Le Temeraire, 12-1 Hamadryad, Pickles, 20-1 Little Blackfoot.

3.00 GIRTON HANDICAP (£3,080: 1m 3f) (10)

1 1323 ROYAL CITIZEN 14 (V,C,BF,G) J Bottomley 5-9-12 L Dettori 3
2 260- CERTAIN WAY 53 (C,G) D Kent 4-9-10 J Carroll 9
3 /004- FATHER HAYES 351 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-9 K Darley 7
4 -524 BOLD PURSUIT 14 (B,E,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-7 J Fanning 1
5 254- LA MENORQUINA 106 D Marks 4-9-7 Paul Eddery 6
6 -600 OCARA 7 (C,G) R Spicer 4-9-4 D McCabe (5) 4
7 /6-00 FLY TO THE END 28 J Norton 4-9-0 J Weaver 8
8 5-54 WESTFIELD MOVES 21 (C,F,G) H Collingridge 6-8-10 J Quinn 5
9 0-40 FLASHELLA 42 J Hetherton 4-8-3 N Carlisle 10
10 4-31 MR BEAN 11 (G) K Burke 4-8-3 (5ex) D Holland 2

5-2 Mr Bean, 7-2 Royal Citizen, 5-1 Father Hayes, Westfield Moves, 6-1 Bold Pursuit, 8-1 La Menorquina, 10-1 Certain Way, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 19 winners from 84 runners, 22.6%; T Barron, 66 from 314, 21.0%; S Norton, 29 from 147, 19.7%; W Musson, 5 from 27, 18.5%; M Ryan, 15 from 82, 18.3%; R Spicer, 12 from 70, 17.1%.
JOCKEYS: D Gibbs, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; D Holland, 20 from 78, 25.6%; L Dettori, 23 from 100, 23.0%; Alex Greaves, 62 from 276, 22.5%; J Weaver, 11 from 55, 20.0%; D Biggs, 31 from 192, 16.1%.

3.30 NEW HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,623: 6f) (12)

1 0-00 BARSAL 16J J Parkes 4-9-0 J Tate (5) 6
2 6320 HOY-LIEGH-RAG 24 J Berry 4-9-0 J Carroll 3
3 0-40 KAWASIR 17 (B) P Haslam 4-9-0 J Quinn 10
4 40-3 LIFE'S A BREEZE 39 P Felgate 5-9-0 K Darley 9
5 30-0 MARCHMAIN 20 (V) A Foster 4-9-0 Paul Eddery 4
6 -000 OSCAR THE SECOND 13 C Fairhurst 4-9-0 J Williams 12
7 SCOTTISH GAMBLER 97J M Hammond 5-9-0 J Marshall (5) 11
8 0-30 SILVER STONE BOY 18 W Barker 5-9-0 S Webster 1
9 YULEDUFERMEE 30J E Alston 5-9-0 J Weaver 8
10 00/4 GLOW OF HOPE 18 E Alston 4-8-9 S Knott (7) 2
11 00 SUPER WIN 35 J Carr 4-8-9 D Holland 5
12 2345 SWINGING TICH 11 B McMahon 5-8-9 L Dettori 7

9-4 Hoy-Liegh-Rag, 3-1 Swinging Tich, 9-2 Life's A Breeze, 6-1 Silver Stone Boy, 8-1 Super Win, 10-1 Marchmain, 12-1 Glow Of Hope, Scottish Gambler, 20-1 others.

4.00 HARDWICK CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m) (10)

1 1 SHAREOFTHEACTION 25 (B,E,G) M Naughton 8-12 Paul Eddery 10
2 5222 ALPINE JOHNNY 4 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 7
3 0- TILLY OWL 212 A Hambly 8-8 J O'Reilly 2
4 BARTI-DDU S Williams 8-7 J Tate (5) 8
5 6 STREET BUSKER 18 W Musson 8-7 L Dettori 5
6 066- LINCOLN TREASURE 68 M Chapman 8-3 P McCabe (5) 1
7 00 NOT FOR SALE 14 J Wharton 7-13 J Quinn 3
8 00-0 NORDIC MADAM 14 R O'Leary 7-12 Darren Moffatt (5) 4
9 000- GRETELS PET 108 J Botromley 7-10 N Kennedy (3) 9
10 06-4 VIVS FUTURE 14 G Pritchard-Gordon 7-9 D Wright (5) 6

7-4 Shareoftheaction, 5-2 Alpine Johnny, 6-1 Lincoln Treasure, Vivs Future, 8-1 Street Busker, 33-1 others.

4.30 CARLTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,407: 1m) (16)

1 5/0- BIRD WATCHER 34J M Hammond 5-9-0 J Marshall (5) 5
2 06- COMFORTABLE 232 M Tompkins 4-9-0 S Mulvey (7) 11
3 6/0 CZAR'S WITNESS 21 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-0 A Clark 8
4 0-64 JAMAICA BRIDGE 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0 Paul Eddery 4
5 30/ JATO 616 S Williams 5-9-0 D Harrison 1
6 MAGENTA BOY 28J G Moore 6-9-0 J Tate (5) 9
7 -653 M'BEBE 18 (V) D Thom 4-9-0 L Dettori 15
8 2040 NOBLE MEASURE 14 (B) S Bowring 4-9-0 D Holland 3
9 304- SUIVEZ 79J P Haslam 4-9-0 J Weaver 13
10 5-45 CHILI LADY 18 (BF) R Brotherton 4-8-9 A Mackay 6
11 6-03 DOMOVOY 13 (B) D Nicholls 4-8-9 Alex Greaves 14
12 6/4- PRIDE'S DESIRE 136 T Barron 4-8-9 K Darley 7
13 0-05 ROSIE O'REILLY 28 E Alston 4-8-9 S Knott (7) 12
14 00-0 SAXON MAGIC 35 (B) J Bennett 4-8-9 J Quinn 2
15 0-26 SWYNFORD FLYER 14 D Kent 5-8-9 J Carroll 10
16 4002 TRANQUIL LADY 11 (V) E Alston 4-8-9 M Fenton (3) 16

7-2 Suivez, 4-1 Chili Lady, 9-2 M'Bebe, 7-1 Jamaica Bridge, 8-1 Domovoy, Tranquil Lady, 10-1 Comfortable, 14-1 Pride's Desire, 16-1 Jato, Swynford Flyer, 25-1 others.

5.00 TOTE PLACEPOT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,558: 7f) (5)

1 22U- BOLD ALEX 62 (C,G,S) S Norton 9-7 D Gibbs (7) 4
2 50-1 L'ETAT C'EST MOI 13 (G) Lord Huntingdon 8-13 L Dettori 1
3 1-35 QUEENS STROLLER 20 (CD,G) C Elsey 8-8 J Quinn 2
4 1-55 ABBOTS DAUGHTER 7 (G) B McMahon 8-6 D Holland 5
5 3-63 LADY HIGHFIELD 7 (B) M Ryan 7-12 D Biggs 3

7-4 L'Etat C'Est Moi, 3-1 Bold Alex, 7-2 Abbots Daughter, 9-2 Lady Highfield, 10-1 Queens Stroller.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.00 Master's Crown. 3.30 Marchmain 4.30 Domovoy

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Aslan (M Dwyer, 11-4); 2, Shujan (4-11 fav); 3, Atours (20-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 1l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.88.

2.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, One More Run (B Powell, 25-1); 2, Spikey (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Emerald Storm (9-1). *Fair Crossing 11-4 jt-fav.* 10 ran. 10l, 5l. G Balding. Tote: £49.40; £6.90, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £85.60. Trio: £277.20. CSF £87.48. Tricast: £626.70.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Jailbreaker (M A Fitzgerald, 2-1 fav, Richard Evans's nap); *2, Love Anew (7-1); 3, Buck Willow (5-2).* 7 ran. 3l, 6l. B Millman. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £3.10. DF: £7.60. CSF: £15.45.

3.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Edimbourg (J Osborne, 13-8 fav); 2, Northern Saddler (6-1); 3, Clurican (13-2). 7 ran. 3l, hd. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £5.90. CSF: £11.06.

4.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, 8-15 fav); 2, Lor Moss (66-1); 3, My Mellow Man (20-1). 7 ran. 25l, 12l. R Wilkins. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £8.90. DF: £35.20. CSF: £23.67.

4.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Divine Chance (J Osborne, 7-4 fav); *2, Empire Blue (7-2);* 3, The Bud Club (2-1). 5 ran. Hd, 25l. N Gaselee. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £7.74.

Jackpot: £21,472.00.

Placepot: £12.20.

Leicester

Going: good to soft (chases); heavy (hurdles)

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Celtic Town (M Richards, 10-1); *2, Three Of Clubs (9-2);* 3, Bathwick Bobbie (9-2). Flapjack Lad 15-8 fav. 7 ran. 15l, 3½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £11.50; £4.80, £1.80. DF: £10.60. CSF: £47.79.

2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Band Sargeant (N Leach, 9-2); 2, Erlemo (16-1); 3, Biran (7-2). Kosville 6-11 fav. 8 ran. NR: Mr Abbot. 2l, 2l. G Richards. Tote: £5.40; £1.10, £4.20, £1.40. DF: £24.90. CSF: £62.36.

3.10 (3m ch) 1, Viva Bella (Mr D Parker, 2-1); *2, Morgans Harbour (8-5 fav); 3, Rifle Range (5-1).* 5 ran. 5l, dist. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.44.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Boll Weevil (M Richards, 9-2); 2, Shannon Glen (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Rejoinus (7-2). Duo Drom 100-30 jt-fav. 6 ran. 2½l, 12l. O Sherwood. Tote: £6.40; £3.90, £1.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £18.77.

4.10 (2m 1f ch) 1, Dan De Lyon (A Maguire, 9-2); *2, Precipice Run (11-10 fav).* 6 ran. NR: Vulpin de Laugere. 10l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.09.

4.40 (2m hdle) 1, Marros Mill (A Maguire, 11-4); *2, Eve's Treasure (20-1);* 3, Native Worth (5-1). Paper Days 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 2½l, 1l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £47.10. CSF: £42.24.

Placepot: £163.20.

Taunton

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

2.05 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Malala (T Grantham, 6-1); 2, Young Toss (14-1); 3, Habasha (11-10 fav). 11 ran. 5l, 2½l. *J Old. Tote: £9.40;* £2.00, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £67.70. CSF: £101.29.

2.35 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Chandigarh (F McLoughlin, 8-1); 2, Sovereign Niche (6-4 fav); *3, Charcoal Burner (9-1). 11 ran. 3l, 8l.* R Lee. Tote: £9.50; £3.20, £1.80, £3.20. DF: £16.60. Trio: £59.90. CSF: £20.95. Tricast: £110.79.

3.05 (3m 3f) 1, Florida Sky (R Supple, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Maneli Boy (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Meldon (16-1). 13 ran. NR: Phyl's Legacy. 20l, 15l. J Upson. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £2.20, £3.40. DF: £11.40. Trio: £115.50. CSF: £16.21.

3.35 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Handy Lass (D Matthews, 12-1); 2, Aal El Aal (13-8 fav); 3, Menotino (50-1). 12 ran. 1l, 10l. Mrs A Knight. Tote: £20.80; £3.10, £1.90, £8.30. DF: £8.10. Trio: £83.70. CSF: £33.05. Tricast: £945.65.

4.05 (3m ch) 1, Sunley Bay (Guy Lewis, 13-2); 2, Gholar (7-2); 3, Saravile (13-8 fav). *9 ran. 2l, 10l. P Nicholls. Tote: £6.80;* £1.40, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £8.60. Trio: £8.60. CSF: £27.72. Tricast: £49.00.

4.35 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Lansdowne (R Darke, 4-1); 2, Warfield (7-2 fav); 3, Mahatmacoat (20-1). 14 ran. 5l, 1½l. G Ham. Tote: £5.10, £1.20, £2.10, £6.30. DF: £8.00. Trio: £290.60. CSF: £18.94. Tricast: £240.81.

Placepot: £25.80.

Lingfield Park

Going: heavy (chases); standard (hurdles)

1.50 (2m 2l hdle) 1, Bobby Socks (W McFarland, 5-4 fav); 2, Dulzura (9-4); 3, Early Drinker (3-1). 8 ran. Nk, 8l. R Lee. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.95.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Barton Royal (R Guest, 11-1); 2, Mill Burn (3-1); 3, Red Ink (10-1). Safety 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Musical Phone. 3l, 12l. P Ritchens. Tote: £23.80; £1.80, £1.40, £3.50. DF: £50.10. Trio: £54.00. CSF: £41.38. Tricast: £312.84.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Homme D'Affaire (D O'Sullivan, 8-11); 2, Switch (9-1); 3, Star's Delight (4-5 fav). 9 ran. 4l, dist. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £9.70; £1.70, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £32.30. Trio: £55.70. CSF: £69.99.

3.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Glengarra Princess (J McCarthy, 5-4 fav); 2, Lizzies Lass (10-1); 3, Hullo Mary Doll (5-1). 9 ran. 20l, nk. D Gandolfo. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £3.60, £1.70. DF: £30.30. CSF: £15.23.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Construction (D Gallagher, 12-1); 2, Too Clever By Half (8-1); 3, Elegant King (7-2). Tel E Thon 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, nk. R Ingram. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £4.50. DF: £56.00. CSF: £89.03.

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Royal Circus (S Wynne, 5-4); 2, My Senor (12-1); 3, Present Times (40-1). Doneeb 5-6 fav. 4 ran. 15l, 15l. P Hiatt. Tote: £2.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £10.57.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Majal (P Midgley, 3-1); 2, Delfin (14-1); 3, Yeatoor (20-1). Highland Flame 7-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Conbrio Star. 1l, 20l. J Wainwright. Tote: £4.30; £4.10, £4.60, £2.20. DF: £32.20. Trio: £103.00. CSF: £40.03. Tricast: £664.20.

Placepot: £451.40.

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Army lieutenant's zest for combat adds power to England pack

Rodber can produce hard and fast rule

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ONCE upon a time, two promising No 8s looked set for the fast lane of England advancement and, when Tim Rodber claimed a place on the 1990 tour to Argentina and Ben Clarke did not, followers of rugby union might have put money on the blond youngster who had just joined Northampton to make his mark first.

So he did, winning two caps in 1992, against Scotland and Ireland. Clarke, though, like the tortoise in the fable, won the ultimate race. He came into the England side and stayed for the British Isles tour last summer, to be fêted as player of the year. Frustrating though that may have been for Rodber, it has not done him much harm and England now have the luxury of finding places for both players in their World Cup squad.

Rodber will bring to England's side against Ireland at

Five Nations' Championship

Twickenham tomorrow a more refined version of Mickey Skinner, himself almost a cult figure during the 1991 World Cup campaign. Like his predecessor, Rodber revels in one-to-one confrontation, but there is more to his game than aggression — he has learned body position, how to read the game, to work the lineout more effectively and to lead.

That last quality is not surprising in one who sought to make the Army his career at an early age. Born in Richmond, Yorkshire, Rodber is a lieutenant in the Green Howards, his local regiment, and is stationed not far away, at Catterick.

Having won an Army scholarship at 16 while still at school in Hampshire, he continued his studies at Oxford Polytechnic, but not before a year off in France.

That was the second of two early experiences that might account for the zest for combat which Rodber brought to the national stage. Four of his formative years, from seven to 11, were spent in New Jersey where he came to grips with American sporting culture, while his French leave taught him how to take care of himself.

Thus, when Barrie Corless, trawling some far-flung pitches in his search for talent as Northampton's director of rugby, came across Rodber standing head and shoulders above his fellow forwards in the Oxford Polytechnic pack, he lost little time inviting him to train at Franklin's Gardens.

As a back-row forward and occasional lock, Rodber could not have found a better training ground. His debt to Wayne Shelford, the former New Zealand No 8, is incalculable and the value Northampton place on him was illustrated by the award of the club captaincy last month when John Olver retired.

Though he plays flanker tomorrow, he favours No 8. "You have more influence there and, as captain, it's probably the ideal position at eight, nine or ten," he said. "But, for England, I'm quite happy at six — I'll play anywhere for England."

That Rodber has been able to keep a grip on his three-pronged career (Army, England, Northampton) when so much has been happening in each of them suggests a depth of quality which may make him, one day, a candidate for the national captaincy.

"I don't think the rugby has hindered my Army career," Rodber, 24, said, "but the next 18 months is a big career-choosing time for me." That is, after completion of the 1995 World Cup, an objective for which the Army has made some allowance in recognition of the public-relations value Rodber brings the service.

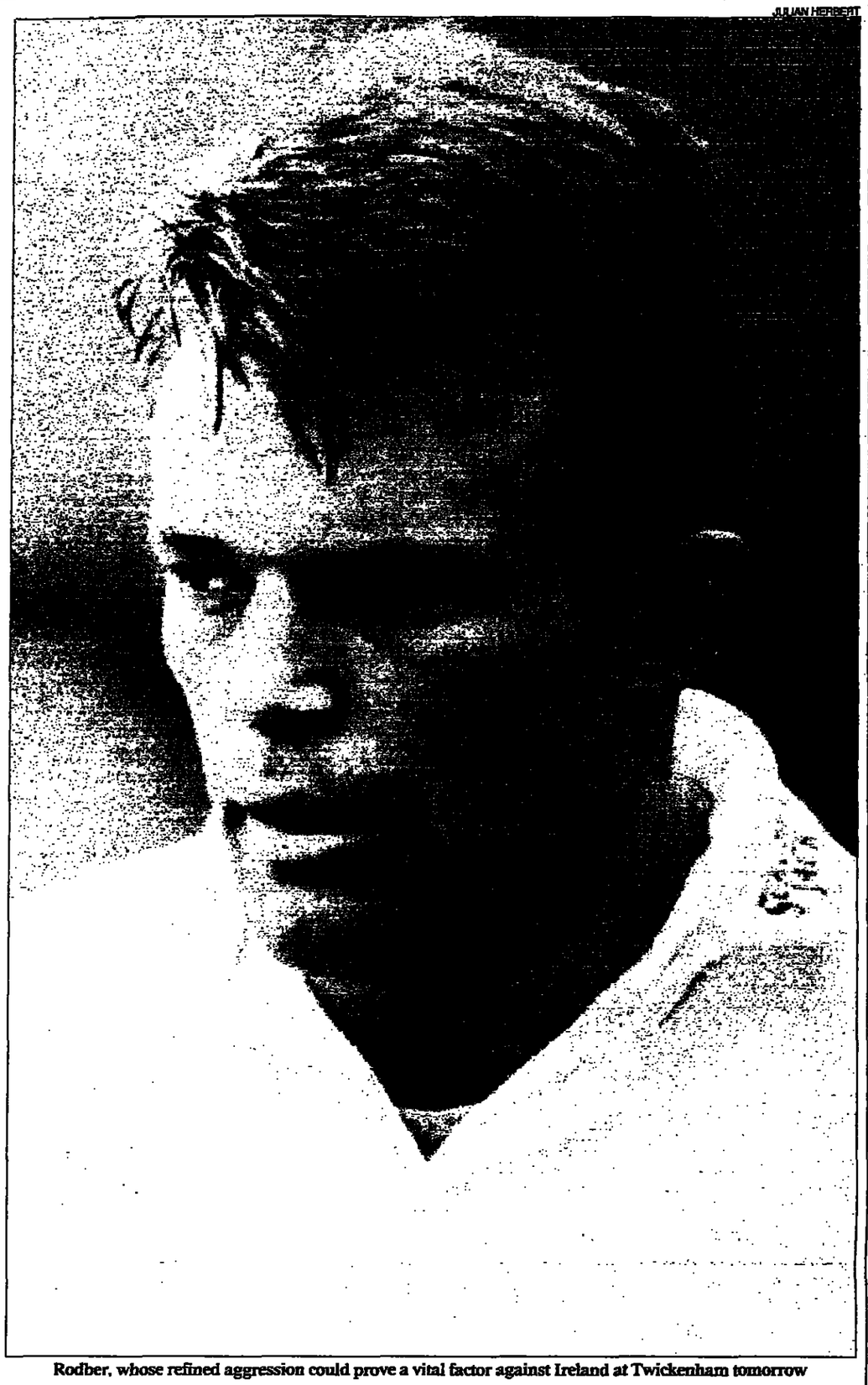
Rodber has already been part of a World Cup-winning side — Andrew Harriman's team which won the world sevens at Murrayfield last April. That, too, was a valuable experience. "When I won my caps in 1992, I came into the grand-slam winning side and I found it difficult to get involved," he said. "With the sevens, I was one of the senior guys and the whole thing was more enjoyable."

That situation is now being repeated. Rodber returned to the senior side against New Zealand in November, alongside nine others in the squad seeking to establish themselves as part of English rugby's new wave.

"It's not easy coming into an established side, whatever your age, but this team will grow together," Rodber said. "You need the senior guys around, to guide the younger players, but you have to look forward to the next 18 months and the building of a squad to take on the world's best."

Injuries have not assisted Rodber's development. The blow to the head on his international debut, against Scotland two years ago, created a worrying neck condition which took three months to clear. Last summer, on the England A tour to Canada, his left hamstring went and, this winter, his right hamstring has left him inactive for most of the last six weeks.

However, after training this week, he is happy that all is now well. "You get most of your match fitness done in the autumn," he said. "I've trained harder recently, knowing there wouldn't be a match on the Saturday." Having missed the Scottish match, the impact of his return against Ireland should be considerable.



JULIAN HERBERT

Rodber, whose refined aggression could prove a vital factor against Ireland at Twickenham tomorrow

English rose must have time to bloom



Rob Andrew calls for patience as players gain experience in build-up to the 1995 World Cup

Three months ago, England were the side for the future. We had beaten New Zealand; it was one of English rugby's greatest victories. Now, we are not the same team. We were lucky to beat Scotland; we cannot score tries. Or so our critics say. I smile at the fickle nature of the media and some observers.

People intent only on filling columns for newspapers discover that we have lost to Wales and Ireland and almost gone down to Scotland in the last 12 months. They say we have beaten only New Zealand.

But they forget one thing — nobody in the England camp thinks we are world champions. I do think, though, that this England side has a massive potential. More even than the side which played in the World Cup final in 1991.

Certain people were carried away by our win over New Zealand. We never said we were the finished article — far from it. But some made us out to be and they suffered a rude shock when we so nearly lost to Scotland. What happened at Murrayfield two weeks ago taught us a lesson. The match proved that, outstanding as our win over New Zealand was, world champions are made of sterner stuff than can be illustrated in a one-off, big-match performance.

We have seen countries raise their game against England: Wales, in Cardiff last season, and Ireland, in Dublin, a month or so later. Even if you win a one-off match of that nature, it does not mean you are a great side. The bottom line is that players need international experience and we have a young, inexperienced side.

I believe that what Scotland did to us will be of enormous benefit. The experience gained when things do not go to plan and you have to scrap and pull yourselves together is invaluable. It does you good as a side; you find out more about yourself and those around you in such circumstances than if you won by 30 points. In the last two games, we have discovered an awful lot about the players in the England squad.

So now we face Ireland at Twickenham — a team with nothing to lose, just as they were 11 months ago when we met them in Dublin and lost 17-3. The performance in Scotland will, I suspect, have taken much of the pressure off us.

Instead of people talking about grand slams, they are wondering whether we are going to win the next match. Which is how it should be. Nobody should underestimate the challenge of any team in the five nations' championship.

I do not doubt that we are a good side, but we have a lot to learn. The team has to develop and only through experience will that happen. A great deal of knowledge has to be packed in by this side in the 15 months before the World Cup. Unlike the last England team at a World Cup, which had been together for the better part of four years, this side will have had comparatively little time together. The learning process has to be that much quicker.

But we all feel that the team has great potential if we can put the pieces together.

We accept that the game against Ireland is likely to be similar to the match in Edinburgh, with the opposition hoisting the ball and hoping to profit. And we will respect Ireland, make no mistake. They were as unlucky not to beat Wales as we were lucky to win in Scotland. They have a proven match winner in Eric Elwood and their pack is well-balanced.

It has been said that we are no longer scoring tries, but this is making a mountain from a mole hill. The number of tries being scored in any grade of rugby has dramatically declined due to the change in the laws.

Defences dominate, particularly in international rugby, and it is not just ourselves who are finding it hard to break down defences. That does not mean we can no longer do it; it just means that we have to continue creating scoring chances. Eventually, we will start taking them.

We will score tries; whether it will be against Ireland tomorrow, I have no idea.

I do know, though, that there is no phobia about it in the England camp; someone will suffer soon because we remain a side with immense talent and enormous potential. People have just to be patient while the side learns its trade.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Never-ending search for state of self-confidence



Gerald Davies
On Rugby Union

No sportsman can exist without confidence. It is his well-spring. A Christie or Jackson cannot contemplate reaching the starting line without being soaked in it. But athletes are destined to be on their own; answerable only to themselves.

How much more difficult it is then to aspire to that uniform condition within a rugby team. It does not happen overnight. It requires that a player is not only confident in himself but in all the others around him. He must stand on his home patch and know that the others are of a like mind and talent. He cannot worry for them.

Confidence is a finely adjustable mood; infinitely malleable, prohibitively fragile. Both England and Wales, from a different standpoint, must contemplate their positions in this regard and their matches tomorrow will go some way to determining their psychological condition. If England's is malleable, Wales' is fragile.

To have too much confidence causes a youth to strut in his plume, tempting others to cut him down in his prime. Will Carling, the England captain, understands this from Murrayfield 1990. At an early penalty, when it was even-stevens, he chose to go for the glory of a try instead of the more mundane but safer penalty kick.

It was an expression of the confidence he had in his team. But it also appeared to cock a snook at Scotland: to make them feel unworthy and second-rate. For such an attitude, the Greeks knew the answer. Nemesis was around the corner. And England met it. It was part of the learning curve for Carling and he and his team moved successfully on from this mistake. Bravado is not confidence. Winning breeds confidence and confidence prolongs the winning streak. Confidence needs to be under control. It is a cyclical groove that, if intermittently sidetracked by a loss, can be recovered.

England have lost matches, but, with the confidence maturity brings, they have easily regained their composure. However, this season, may be different for them. If they have felt psychologically "good" over the last five years, they may not feel quite the same this season. After Scotland, but not after their victory against the All Blacks, they began to talk, almost apologetically, about this phase of transition. This suggests uncertainty.

But theirs is not a fragile condition: it will not break in an instant. Due to their success, they have built a reservoir of assurance. Yet with so many new faces, this confidence is based on the exploits of others; reflected confidence. To inherit this reputation is a sensitive matter and it is by no means automatically translated from one team to the next, however gradual. The inheritance factor is, and has to be, nurtured. The days of confidence therapy via audio cassettes may be over for the England players. It is not without effort they will retain their sense of conviction.

A further irritating seed has also been planted. England are aware that for all their dominance, they have not scored a try in three matches. So, from parading as if they knew how good they were, they may now be asking: how good are we, really? For the first time in a long time, the self-questioning has begun.

It is a similar question Wales are asking, but from a different perspective since they have been stuck in an altogether different groove. The damaging cycle — lack of confidence leading to bad play, bad play feeding the lack of confidence — must be avoided at all costs. This is hard to break, Wales know it, but, if England's confidence can be massaged, Wales are still in the process of rebuilding it. They are doing so from the slim base of two victories. Whatever exaggerated hopes there are, they have a long way still to go.

Too little confidence causes a man and his team to fret his time on stage. Unless addressed immediately, the results can be disastrous as Wales' past record shows. It is a fool's paradise to expect instant recovery. If they have defiantly upset the form books this season, they know that the teams with the greatest reputations are on the horizon. There is much to prove.

For the first of these, they will have to do without Ieuan Evans, their captain. With his try-scoring and match-saving abilities, he is seen as a symbol of this early phase of Wales' revival. Will his absence bring a crisis to Wales' new-found confidence? Theirs remains in a fragile state.

Winchester pays dearly for honesty over extra club



From Mel Webb
in Badajoz, Spain

A GOOD deed went sadly awry yesterday for Roger Winchester, who found himself on the wrong end of a four-stroke penalty that effectively ended his chances in the Extremadura Open soon after he had started.

Winchester, 26, had hit his drive on the 11th hole — his second — when his caddie noticed something rattling around in the bottom of his bag. To his horror, Winchester remembered that the cut-down club that he had had made up for the three-year-old son of a friend was the offending implement.

The club had a proper grip, a short but genuine shaft and a seven-iron head. It was only 24 inches long and was unusable by anybody but a child, but it was still a golf club. An honourable and honest man, Winchester instantly admitted that he had 15 clubs in his bag, one more than the permitted maximum, and was duly given a two-stroke penalty for each hole on which he had carried it.

Not surprisingly, the four extra strokes took its toll on Winchester's concentration and the 1985 English Amateur champion finished with a disappointing 78. Two over par is retrievable over the 7,000 yards of Golf Guadiana, six over par gives him almost no chance of making the cut today. It was a frustrating lesson about being nice to people.

On a day when the lead was taken by Miguel-Angel Jimenez on 67, the story of another English Amateur champion had a happier ending. Ian Garbutt, who won his title five years after Winchester, has had a far from easy ride since turning professional in 1992, but he had a job to keep a smile off his face after a hole in one had helped him to a 69. Garbutt's big moment came on the 189-yard 16th, where a six-iron pitched ten feet short, bounced once and disappeared. Garbutt has had two aces at Wheatley, his home club in Doncaster, and one in practice for the Dubai Desert Classic last year, but this was his first in competition.

Players get all sorts of rewards for holes in one, including cars, crates of champagne and, in one notable case, about 14,000 pints of stout. Garbutt had to be satisfied with the hearty congratulations of his peers.

Two of the Tour's younger generation, Lee Westwood and Andrew Coltart, pushed their way to within a shot of Jimenez and one in front of Garbutt, Terry Price, of Australia, and wo other Britons, Peter Mitchell and Philip Talbot.

Westwood is only 20, but he has a thoroughly grown-up golf game. At 6ft and 14st, he modestly denies that he is much larger than average, but anybody who can hit the green of the 562-yard 18th in two, as he did, is not likely to get sand kicked in his face too often.

Meanwhile, Coltart, a 23-year-old former Walker Cup player, said he had calculated that he had won precisely £7 more in the first two tournaments of the season that he earnt all last year. Canny folk, these Scots.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: M-A Jimenez (Sp). 68: L Westwood, A Coltart. 69: I Garbutt, T Price (Aus), P Mitchell, P Talbot. 70: J-M Canizares (Sp), R Mann, C Cevaer (Fr), P Mayo, N Godin, J Robson, D Carty. 71: D Williams, H-P Thul (Ger), G Cali (It), E Romero (Arg), J Rivero (Sp), K Waters, I Garrido (Sp), S McAllister, S Bottomley, M Wilts. 72: J Payne, P Hedblom (Swe), C O'Connor Jr, N Joakimides (Fr), P Eales, N Henning (SA), R Drummond, K Eriksson (Swe), J M Arruti (Sp), A Sherborne, P Mulcahy (Aus), D Borrego (Sp), G Hjerstedt (Swe), C Sunesson, M Aparicio (Sp). 73: G Ralph, M Krantz (Swe), S Van Vuuren (SA), M Scarpa (It), C Lazkan (Mex), C Brooks, R McFarlane, A Hunter, D R Jones, I Palmer (SA), P-U Johansson (Swe), J Pinero (Sp), R Alvarez (Arg), I Gervas (Sp), M Grunberg (Swe).



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BBC1

6.00 *Business Breakfast* (93505)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54234321)

9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (s) (7805673)

***9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz hosted by Ross King.* (Ceefax) (5549857)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9574128) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3037963)

10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (38723031)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by newscaster Sandy Gall and Level 42 (s) (5613960) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (55828128)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (80470) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (49813876) **1.50 The Travel Quiz** (22792401) **2.20 Holiday** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (43580166)

2.50 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (s) (3954166)

3.35 Cartoon (9099437) ***3.45 Open a Door*** (7511789) **3.50 Moomin** (4621789) **4.15 Jackanory**. *The Church Mice and the Ring* told by Richard Briers (r) (s) (7183321) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood** *(Ceefax) (s) (6711673)*

4.55 Newsround Extra. A report on Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (7221673) **5.10 Grange Hill**. Secondary school drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (2049741)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (310296) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) and weather (925)

6.30 Regional news magazines (505) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Home Truths. Terry Wogan *is among the guests* joining Steve Wright this week. (Ceefax) (s) (2925)

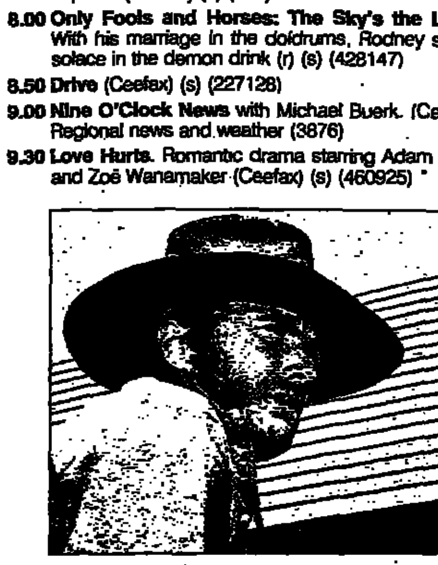
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report from Moscow on a radical new television, plus the final part *of the story of the boy who hopes to overcome* profound deafness with the help of an electronic implant. (Ceefax) (s) (789)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: The Sky's the Limit. With his marriage in the doldrums, Rodney seeks solace in the demon drink (r) (s) (428147)

8.50 Drive (Ceefax) (s) (227128)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3876)

9.30 Love Hurts. Romantic drama starring Adam Faith and Zoë Wanamaker (Ceefax) (s) (460925)



Clint Eastwood rides into town (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: High Plains Drifter (1972) directed and starring Clint Eastwood as a mysterious stranger who is hired by the frightened residents of a remote frontier town to protect them from a gang of escaped convicts. (Ceefax) (206925) **Wales:** Video Diaries 10.25 All Our Lives 10.55 Film: High Plains Drifter 12.40-2.05am Film: The Internecine Project

12.05am FILM: *The Internecine Project* *(1974)*. Thriller starring James Coburn as a professor tipped for a government post. However, four people know of his illegal activities, so he devices a plan so that they *eliminate each other. Directed by Ken Hughes.* (Ceefax) (1784987) **1.30 Weather** (3156906)

BBC2

6.20 Open University

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2165857)

8.15 Westminster Daily (4009470)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Charlie Chalk (r) (23000079) **1.35-1.40** Bump (r) (90571050)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (11258654) **2.15 Open View** (r) (32262708)

2.20 Olympic Grandstand. Includes action from the *luge doubles, men's 1000m speed skating* and Nordic combined individual ski-jumping. Plus a profile of Torvill and Dean. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** (8806673) **3.50 News** *(Ceefax)*, regional news and weather (7590296)

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (418)

4.30 Dilemmas. Jenni Murray looks at what can go wrong in relationships and explores what could be done to put things right (302)

5.00 Catchword. Word game with Paul Coia (s) (3031)

5.30 The Making of Middlemarch. A look behind the *scenes to see how the market town of Stamford was* transformed into the fictional Midlands town of Middlemarch. (Ceefax) (654)

6.00 Olympic Grandstand. Live coverage of the first part of the ice dance competition, the compulsory dances. Plus coverage of the ice hockey matches between Russia and Germany and Finland v Austria. (241654)

9.00 Red Dwarf. Cult science fiction comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (1418)



Reliable anchorman Geoff Hamilton (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Gardeners' World**. (Ceefax) (s) (90708)

10.00 Blackadder II. The last episode in the Elizabethan series of the comic historical saga. A horrible end awaits all of Elizabeth's court (r). (Ceefax) (s) (61708)

10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (219673)

11.15 What the Papers Say Awards. Russell Davies introduces the 37th annual awards from London's *Savoy Hotel (727302)* **Wales:** Welsh Lobby *11.45* What the Papers Say Awards 12.25am Fantasy Football League 12.55-2.15am Clouzot: Le Mystere Picasso

11.55 Fantasy Football League. Frank Skinner and David Baddiel host the comedy game show. This week they are joined by Andrew Ridgeley and Peter Cook (386654)

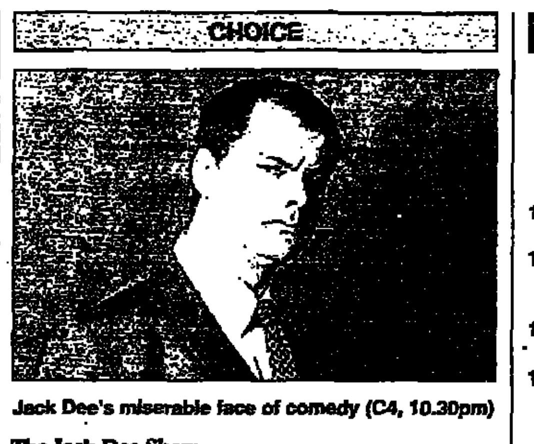
12.25 CHOICE **Clouzot: Le Mystere Picasso** (1956, b/w) (8457906)

1.45 Weather (3366635)

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CHOICE



Jack Dee's miserable face of comedy (C4, 10.30pm)

The Jack Dee Show
Channel 4, 10.30pm

He is an unexceptional stand-up comic with an inflated reputation. Or a brilliant young performer with a unique style. With Jack Dee there seems to be no middle ground. Everyone can agree on his speciality, which is acting miserable. There is nothing original in that. Some of the best comedy has been squeezed out of the lugubrious. Les Dawson springs quickly to mind and Dee's joke about leaving the wife *at home while going out to celebrate her birthday is* pure Dawson. But most of the material is about school teachers. The master with an obsession about sweet wrappers is a clever creation, or perhaps he is drawn *from life. Either way, he gives Dee his best shots.* Cyndi Lauper provides the musical interludes.

Faces of the Family: Sons and Stepsons
Channel 4, 8.00pm

As children Simon, Mark and Adam Benjamin lost their mother, who died of cancer. As young men they saw their father remarry and they gained a step-*mother. There was the usual difficulty of coming to* terms with a new parent. In addition, they were Jews and the step-mother was black. In the second part of her series on family life, Mavis Nicholson talks to the *trio about these emotional upheavals and invites them* to express their feelings. Nicholson's manner is deceptive, asking tough questions in a friendly way. It has the knack of producing honest answers and does so here. *Simon was 11 when his mother died and* perhaps too young to take in the full implications. He admits that he did not start grieving until he was 30.

Gardeners' World
BBC2, 9.30pm

The snowdrops are pushing up and it is time for Geoff Hamilton and friends to come out of winter hibernation and put us right on *matters horticultural.* Although the programme keeps being threatened with a shake-up, it remains reassuringly traditional. Some may wish that Hamilton came into the real world now and again *and did not pretend that all gardens have* perfect soil and not a weed in sight. But he is a cheerfully helpful anchorman who exudes reliability. There is a new regular slot for organic gardeners. *Otherwise it is the familiar mix. Tonight's items* include Liz Rigbey on the photographer, Andrew Lawson; Adrian Bloom on holly; and Nick Wray on witch hazel, winter sweet and maple.

Le Mystère Picasso
BBC2, 12.25am

In 1956 the French film director Henri-Georges Clouzot persuaded Picasso, then 75, to come into a studio and paint for the camera. For most of the time, except when he breaks off to chat to Clouzot, Picasso is not seen. Thanks to a transparent screen and quick-drying inks the paintings take rapid shape apparently without human intervention. Starting with casual improvisations, Picasso warms to his task, brings in colour and becomes steadily more ambitious. Towards the end he is composing on a panoramic scale and Clouzot, and his brilliant cameraman, Claude Renoir, call on CinemaScope to do the compositions justice. The film provides a rare glimpse into the process of artistic creation. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (77638483)

8.35 Parkin's In ... Cartoons (7268505)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show *(8291760)* ***9.55 London Today*** *(Teletext)* and weather (3013383)

10.00 The Time ... The Place. Topical studio debate (2957383)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (38717470) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8607383)

***12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** (Teletext) and weather* (3741708)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (s) (3726499) **1.25 Home and Away**. Bobby is critically ill in hospital while Sarah and Roxy break down miles from anywhere. (Teletext) (97422128)

1.55 Capital Woman. A guest recalls how hypnosis helped her to recall previous lives plus a visit to a famous London shoe shop (s) (35847370) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Drama serial set in an Australian country town (s) (43550925) **2.50 Take the High Road** (3033760)

3.20 News (8805963) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8804234)

3.30 The Magic House (9076586) **3.45 Cartoons** *(7520437)* ***3.55 Zzzap!*** *(4624876)* ***4.15 The*** **Dreamstone** (s) (8653654) **4.40 Just Us**. Children's drama (Teletext) (s) (2847876)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (5326437)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (691708)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (82789)

7.00 Celebrity Squares with Bob Monkhouse (6091)

7.30 Coronation Street. After surviving the most testing week of his life, Derek Wilton thinks nothing else can happen, but there is a surprise in store. (Teletext) (s) (857)



Iain Fletcher and Carl Brincat (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill. DS Skase and PC Bostock go undercover in the seedy world of unlicensed boxing to arrest two violent criminals. (Teletext) (6741)

8.30 Surgical Spirit. Medical comedy. (Teletext) (5876)

9.00 The Chief. Alan Cade's moment of triumph at an international drugs conference is threatened by the Mafia. (Teletext) (s) (8437)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (58234)

10.30 FILM: Trapped (1989). A made-for-television thriller starring Kathleen Quinlan as the manageress of an office building trapped inside with a killer. With Bruce Abbott and Ben Loggins. Directed by Fred Walton (49584578)

12.10 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (7266857)

12.20 Whose Round Is It Anyway? *Pub quiz (6317093)*

12.50 Whale On (s) (9237141)

1.45 ITV Chart Show (s) (7402109)

***2.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema**. Film reviews (7658345)*

3.10 TXT. Music and celebrity chat show (9038884)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal magazine (48529) **5.00 Sportsworld** (s) (18906)

5.30 ITN Morning News (91180)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Animated science fiction adventures (r) (6097296)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (89091)

9.00 Sabotage. *All-women game show hosted by Maria* McErlane (s) (35383)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! Discovering Japan (5537012) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen! (5565895) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9768654) **10.12** Beat That (3040437) **10.40** Off Limits. Talking About Sex (9539499) **11.06** Eurokids (6667692) **11.22** Stage One (7465944) **11.40** How We Used to Live. Expansion, Trade and Industry (3525654)

12.00 House To House. With Maya Even (55147)

12.30 Sesame Street (95470) **1.30 Take 5** with *Mr Men, Further Tales of the Riverbank, Natalie, Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (64383)

2.00 FILM: Suez (1938, b/w) starring Tyrone Power and Loretta Young. Romanticised account of the 19th-century French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps's efforts to build a canal linking the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. Directed by Allan Dwan and Otto Brower (905012) **3.50 DIY Cartoon Kit**. Cartoon, narrated by Michael Bentine (2013215)

3.55 The Pulse. A repeat of yesterday's medical magazine which dealt with treatments for depression. (Teletext) (6564760)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (470)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Shops and Robbers. Monday's programme about how the big stores are trying to stop the increase in shoplifting. *(Teletext) (7234)*

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based comedy series (Teletext) (s) (963)

6.30 Happy Days. American comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee (Teletext) (215)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (856505)

7.50 NEW **You Don't Know Me But ...** A series in which a well known person telephones someone equally well known and offers some unsolicited advice. Tonight, Howard Jacobson offers Steven Spielberg advice on his film *Schindler's List* (s) (565447)



Mavis Nicholson and Adam Benjamin (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Faces of the Family: Sons and Stepsons** (Teletext) (4383)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3418)

9.00 Nature Perfected: New Perspectives. An exploration of the great gardens of Italy. (Teletext) (6586)

9.30 Home Improvement American comedy series starring Tim Allen, husband, father and host of a DIY cable television show. (Teletext) (s) (85876)

10.00 Roseanne More American wisecracking comedy. *(Teletext) (s) (56876)*

10.30 CHOICE **The Jack Dee Show** (s) (591789)

11.05 The Word Young people's entertainment (s) (755215)

12.10am FILM: Paradise, Hawaiian Style (1966). An Elvis Presley musical in which he plays an Hawaii-based tourist helicopter pilot with women trouble. Directed by Michael Moore (262906) Ends at **1.50**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Kevin Greening *(FM only)* **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, including at **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** *Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, includ*ing at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai *(FM only)*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy ***6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up* to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Let's Do the Show Right Here! (r) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band. Flowers Gloucester Band under Richard Evans **10.30** Radio 2 Arts Programme ***12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz* Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** The Jungle Book final part **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Grief. Penny Casdagli's two-part drama considers the effect of grief on a group of teenage friends (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Golden Pavements (2/5) **7.15** Benjamin Black **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Keep on Running, by Nigel Baldwin (1/6) **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** *Europe Today* **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Rise and Fall of Apartheid **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News ***9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Global* Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sport **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** World Ranking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** The Rise and Fall of Apartheid: See Choice **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *To the Lighthouse* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** *Heute Aktuell: News in* German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** The *Learning World* **1.00** *News* **1.05** *Outlook* **1.30** Short Story: *The Day of the Dancing Devil* **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** News **4.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Richard Astbury **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Bloch (Violin Concerto: Michael Guttman) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Music on the theme of birds. Handel (Organ Concerto in F, Cuckoo and the Nightingale); Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5, The Lark); Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending), Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring), Stravinsky (Suite, *The Firebird*) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** *Richard* Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** *Paul Coyte*

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49801031) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7410296) **5.10-5.40** Zorro (5326437) **6.00** Home and Away (672789) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (232447) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (780673) **10.45** Dave Allen (774789) **11.15** The Mackintosh Man (938012) **1.05am** Whale On (2816567) **2.05** Sportsworld (3306906) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9463161) **3.30** Videofashion (75548109) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75443600) **4.25** Night Shift (44245187) **4.30-5.30** New Music (83884)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (49801031) **2.20-2.50** Fashion File *(43575234)* ***5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and* Videos (5326437) **6.00** Home and Away (672789) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (232447) **10.30** Central News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Central Weekend *(1092437)* ***12.10am** Phoenix (5190529)* ***1.10*** Whale On (2815838) **2.10** The Beat (1367722) **3.05** Secret Services (1727722) **4.05** The Album Show (1117567) **5.00** Night Shift (5687906) **5.10** Get Stuffed (3705616) ***5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3621600)*

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Wish You Were Here...? (49801031) **2.20-2.50** Art Works (43575234) ***6.00** HTV News (321)* ***6.30-7.00*** HTV Sportsweek (673) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Late and Live (1092437) **12.10am** Crime Story (5100906) **1.05** Whale On (2816567) **2.05** Sportsworld (3306906) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9463161) **3.30** Videofashion (75548109) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75443600) **4.25** Night Shift (44245187) **4.30-5.30** New Music (63884)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (321) **6.30-7.00** It's a Living (673) **10.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Swansea Festival (627811) **11.10** The Big Race (157944) **11.40-12.10pm** Coach (384296)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49801031) **2.20** Take the High Road *(43575234)* **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3033760) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (82789) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (58234) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Just a Minute (627811) **11.10** Late *Night Live (446925)* ***11.55** Crime Story* (821692) **12.55am** Whale On (7524635) **1.55** New Music (7482345) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1393971) **3.25** America's Top Ten (87050987) **3.55** Noisy Mothers *(4742074)* ***5.00-5.30** Freescreen (18906)*

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (3013383) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather / Birdsdale Network North (8616031) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (8615302) **1.55** A Country Practice (49801031) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5377876) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (531960) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (673) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Robson's Personal Call (693586) **11.35** Tower of Evil (646924) **1.05am** Whale On (2816567) **2.05** The Big E (1377109) **3.00** Black Jack (42242) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (18906)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry Latest (3013383) **1.55pm** Wish You Were Here..? (35847370) **2.25-2.55** Gardener's Diary (43574505) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8804234) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (82789) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (709321) **10.40** Billy *(627811)* **11.10** The Rape of Richard Beck *(939741)* ***1.00am** My Story (9922616)* **1.05** Whale On (2816567) **2.05** Sportsworld (3306906) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (9463161) **3.30** Videofashion (75548109) **3.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75443600) **4.25** Night Shift *(44245187)* ***4.30-5.30** New Music (63884)*

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49801031) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (5377876) **3.10-3.15** Help Yourself (8816079) **5.55** Calendar (531960) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (673) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (709321) **10.40** Street Legal (693586) **11.35** Tower of Evil (648924) **1.05am** Whale On (2816567) **2.05** The Big E (1377109) **3.00** Black Jack (42242) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (18906)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (89091) **9.00** Sabotage (35383) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (233401) **12.00pm** House To House (55147) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (65012) **1.00** Take Five (13708) **1.30** A Brush With Art (64383) **2.00** By The Light Of The Silvery Moon (905012) **3.50** Token Gesture (7518692) **4.00** Slot 23 (586) **4.00** Ty Chwith Y Gath (6872789) **4.20** Joshua Jones (2530055) **4.30** Sndwec (470) **5.00** A Different World The Little Mister (5499) **5.30** Countdown (550) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (769789) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (661708) **6.25** Hero (377559) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8963) **7.30** Jacpot (499) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad Bois Tyn Ddraenen (4383) **8.30** Newyddion/news (3418) **9.00** Flau'r Llewod (405857) **9.45** Short And Curlies: My Little Eye (545302) **10.00** Brookside (56876) **10.30** The Jack Dee Show (220789) **11.10** The Word (847505) **12.10am** Paradise *Hawaiian Style (262906)*

RADIO 3

6.30 Open University: Running the Country — European Regionalisation **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 7 No 42); Bantock (Old English Suite); Mozart (Variations on La *Bergère celimène, K359)*; Shostakovich (Jazz Suite No 2); Brahms (Two Folk Songs); Kodály (Dances of Galanta)

9.00 Composers of the Week: Rawsthorne and Ireland

10.00 Musical Encounters: Walton (The Twelve); Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 54 No 2); Gurney (Five Elizabethan Songs); **10.45** Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor); Britten (Carry Her over the Water; *Paul Bunyan; A* Shepherd's Carol); Maxwell Davies (St Thomas' Wake — foxtrot for orchestra)

12.00 Voices (r)

1.00 News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Royal Northern College of Music Wind Ensemble, Anthony Gilbert *(Brighton Piece)*; John Casken (Kagura); Martin Butler (From an Antique Land)

2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Hampshire County Youth Orchestra under Edgar Holmes performs Ireland (A London Overture); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor: Richard Harwood); Nicholas Hayes (earth drive, and that soft dream spirit); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 8)

3.30 Bass Songs: Schumann (Der *Husar, trara!; Der leidige* Frieden; Den grünen Zeigern; Du liegt der Feinde); Schubert (Grenzen der Menschheit; Aus Heliopolis II; Auf der Donau; Selige Welt; Der Sieg; Fahrt zum Hades; Das Abendrot; Der Strom); Brahms (Wie Melodien zieht es mir; Immer leise wird mein Schlummer, Klage; Auf dem Kirchhofe; Verrath, Songs Op 105)

4.30 Thai Music: Featuring the Prasit Thawon Ensemble

5.50 The Music Machine. Mike Edwards looks to the future

5.15 In Tune: Nicolai (Overture, The Merry Wives of Windsor); Rodrigo (Cuatro Madrigales Amatorios); Berlioz (Menuet des Follets; Danse des Sylphes; Marche Hongroise, the Damnation of Faust); Vivaldi (Concerto in G)

7.30 Great Orchestras of the World: French National Orchestra under Charles Dutoit *performs Roussel (Bacchus et* Ariane Suite No 2); Ravel (Shéhérezade). **8.15** Wrecks and Death. Read by Tim Pigott-Smith. **8.35** Debussy (La Mer); Ravel (La Valse).

9.25 One Man's Meat ... The duo, Kit and the Widow talk about their musical dislikes

9.45 Palestrina: Missa Inviolata; Motet, Suscipe Verbum, Virgo Maria (Taverner Consort and Choir under Andrew Parrott). (r)

10.45 Friday Feature: Je Ne Sais Pas What To Do. See Choice

11.30 Midnight Oil. Jean Barraqué (Concerto); Henri Pousseur (Phonèmes pour Cathy); Andrew Hugill (Brisset Rhymes) **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today ***6.25** Prayer for the Day* ***6.30*** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Gardening expert Rosemary Verey *(r)*

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 Hindsight (FM only): Chris Andrew presents entertaining anecdotes from the past

10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only) John. Final part

10.30 Woman's Hour from Cardiff. Serial: *Limestone and Clay* (5/10). Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi

12.25 The Food Programme 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping *Forecast*

2.00 News; Classic Serial: The War at the End of the World, by Mario Vargas Llosa (r)

3.00 News; Lumberjills — The Forgotten Army: The story of the Women's Timber Corps (r)

3.30 Hello: Phil Korbel investigates the ways in which people greet each other around the world

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope in Birmingham: Louisa Buck visits an exhibition of bicycles, and investigates the art of creating spaces

4.45 Short Story: The Circle Club. Leon Sinden reads one of Barry Pain's *Eliza* stories (r)

5.00 PM with Hugh Sykes and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places: The transport magazine

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle

8.05 Any Questions? Among *Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in* Colwyn Bay, Wales, are Jonathon Porritt, environmentalist and journalist, and Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins

9.15 Kaleidoscope. The art of *busking (r)*

9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw

10.45 Book at Bedtime. Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey. Read by John Turnbull (7/12)

11.00 Week Ending: A satirical *review of the week's news by* Sally Grace, Toby Longworth, Brian Bowles and Simon Roberts

11.25 Fourth Column, with Simon Hoggart

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

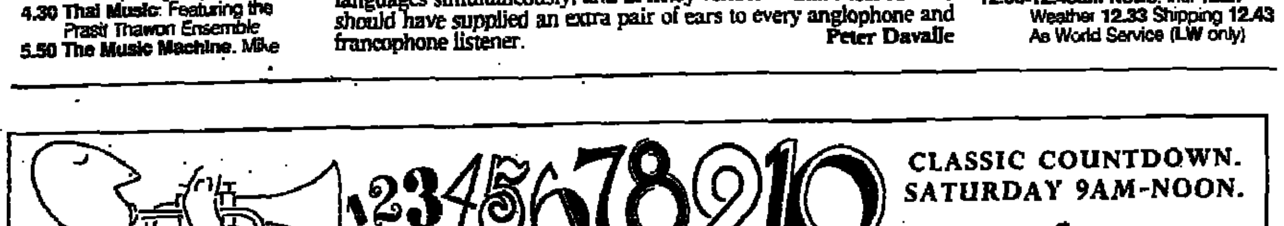
CHOICE

The Rise and Fall of Apartheid. *World Service, 12.15pm.*

It is being naive to suppose that South Africa's first democratic *elections in April will bring* instant peace to the republic. Not that Martin Plaut's two-part documentary shows any inclination to make predictions. Its terms of reference are embedded in its title, and it has stuck scrupulously to them. Part two spans the momentous events *that have taken place* between the re-emergence of the African National Congress, the releasing of Nelson Mandela, and the slow crumbling of the edifice of apartheid.

Je Ne Sais Pas What To Do. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Oh no, I groaned, not another jokey helping of *franglais*. In fact, Marjorie Van Halteren's *Friday Feature* is not what it sounds. It is a montage of impressions supplied by those Britons and French folk who have never been quite the same since they crossed the *linguistic* Channel/Manche. So many words hit us tonight — sometimes in both languages simultaneously, and in noisy venues — that I feel Radio 3 *should have supplied* an extra pair of ears to every anglophone and francophone listener. **Peter Davalle**



SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73864418) **8.40** Lamb Chops (5979383) **9.10** Cartoons (4300505) **9.30** Card Sharks (10586) **9.55** Concentration (8763079) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6805944) **10.30** Love at First Sight (62215) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (20012) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (74545) **12.30pm** E Street (14302) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (19857) **2.00** Gone to Texas (70337) **3.00** Another World (4649429) **3.50** DJ Kat (9915863) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5654) **6.00** Games World (4895) **6.30** E Street (5147) **7.00** M*A*S*H (6393) **7.30** Full House (73586) **9.00** Crime International (35321) **9.30** Sightings (34166) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (53215) **11.00** The Untouchables: Takeover (41505) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco: Web of Lies (65838) **1.00am** Night Court (40635) **1.30-2.00** *In Living Color (83884)*

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (37963) **9.30** Nightline *(32586)* ***10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (15321)* **11.30** Japan Business (55741) **12.30pm** News and Business (12944) **1.30** CBS This Morning (27166) **2.30** Parliament (67437) **3.30** The Lords (45050) **4.30** News and Business (1944) ***5.00** Live at Five (290760)* **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2673) **9.30** Talkback (32708) **11.30** CBS News (30128) **12.30am** ABC News (14203) **1.30** *FT* Reports (57703) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (21971) **3.30** Talkback (95136) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (83616) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (31722)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8365050)
10.00 Miss Rose White (1992) Sisters are reunited after 22 years (24571186)
11.55 The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming! (1966) Alan Arkin in a 1960s Cold War comedy (36337857)
2.00pm Gunfight in Abilene (1967) Bobby Darin returns from the Civil War to encounter tension and strife in his home town (77895)
4.00 The Red Tent (1971) Sean Connery in an Arctic survival adventure (78641760)
6.05 Miss Rose White (as 10am) (60544789)
8.00 Black Death (1992) Kate Jackson fights the bubonic plague (99187708)
9.40 US Top Ten (235514)
10.00 Hot Shots! (1991). Spoof of *Top Gun* With Charlie Sheen and Cary Elwes (55857)
11.30 Karate Cop (1992) Martial arts action with Cynthia Rothrock (348302)
1.05am Night Gallery (1969) Compilation of three tales of the supernatural (544068)
2.40 Supervixens (1975) Russ Meyer comedy about a man chased by busty Amazonian women (121797)
4.25 Gunfight in Abilene (as 2pm) (8408600) Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Plainsman (1936, b/w). The story of Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane With Gary Cooper (42147)
8.00 The Lonely Guy (1984) Steve Martin is alone and single in New York (19505)
9.30 The Making of Alien 3 (74895)
10.00 The Shining (1980): Jack Nicholson cracks under supernatural pressure when snowed in at a hotel (13147). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

***6.00am Strange Lady in Town** (1955)* Western with Greer Garson (53673)
8.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (1977). Children's baseball adventure starring William Devane (25079)
***10.00 City Beneath the Sea** (1970) Robert* Wagner and Joseph Cotten move to the world's first underwater colony (16760)
12.00 To Sir, With Love (1967) Sidney Poitier as a novice teacher (57942)
2.00pm Pink Lightning (1991). Five young women take to the road for a final fling before settling down. With Sarah Buxton (75437)
4.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (as 8am) (8128)
6.00 Treacherous Crossing (1992): Lindsay Wagner's new husband disappears on their honeymoon cruise (56673)
8.00 The Finest Hour (1993). Rob Lowe *stars in a Gulf War drama (67418)*
10.00 American Me (1992) Drama charting the rise of the so-called Mexican Mafia. With Edward James Olmos (28521321)
12.05am The Movie Show (2929971)
12.35 Somebody's Daughter (1992): Murder yarn with Nicollette Sheridan (662659)

2.15 Puppetmaster III: Toulon's Revenge (1992) Killer puppets stalk a group of Nazis who attempt to kidnap their creator (737546) **3.45 Death Dreams** (1990) Christopher Reeve and Marg Helgenberger are haunted by their daughter (405646). Ends at **5.20**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (74857) **7.30** Soccer (9629418) **7.45** Netbusters (9517673) **8.00** Basketball (61645) **8.30** Tennis (11186) **9.00** *Prime Bodies (93418)* ***8.30** Nascar Racing* (12031) **10.00** Field Hockey (82876) **11.00** German Football (48673) **12.30pm** Boots and All (39925) **1.30** World Sports (22418) **2.00** Snooker (705302) **5.00** Boot Room (9012) ***6.00** Soccer (31166)* ***7.00** Rugby* League Halifax v Warrington (849050) **9.30** International Snooker (348031) **12.30-1.30am** Soccer Weekend (96432)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (76019) **6.30** Olympic Morning (48944) **7.00** Skiing (59316) **8.00** Figure Skating (16175) **9.00** Biathlon (60753789) **11.15** Ski Jumping (39386885) **1.30pm** Speedskating (2163147) **2.45** Athletics (1013079) **3.30** Luge (81876) **4.30** Olympic News (9128) **5.00** Ice Hockey (4708) **6.00** Figure Skating (62491234) **9.15** Tennis (51117050) **11.00** Olympic News (74234) **11.30** News (68708) **12.00** Ice Hockey (53646) **1.00am** Figure Skating (14884) **2.00** Olympic News (35819) **2.30** News (41436) **3.00** Ski Jumping (11118) **5.00** Olympics (87074) **5.30** News (80068)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4343895) **7.30** Neighbours (4322302) **8.00** Sons and *Daughters (4729789)* ***8.30** EastEnders* (4711760) **9.00** The Bill (4702012) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (4350215) **10.30** Casualty (1130147) **11.30** The Sullivans (4947031) **12.00** Sons and Daughters *(4722876)* ***12.30pm** Neighbours (1935760)* **1.00** EastEnders (4342166) **1.30** The Bill (19340311) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (2639147) **2.30** Bread (5264925) **3.00** Dallas (4958147) **4.00** The Colbys (6325321) **4.55** *Blankety Blank (76397012)* ***5.25** Give Us a* Clue (95502944) **5.55** Sykes (4355166) **6.30** EastEnders (5209234) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (2259673) **8.00** Hannay (2268321) **9.00** Casualty (2256857) **10.00** The Bill *(4723505)* ***10.30** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to* the Galaxy (2208383) **11.05** Top of the Pops (5488031) **11.50** Dr Who (5283692) **12.20am** FILM: Act of Violence (1948, b/w). A former soldier tracks down a POW camp *informer (92109180)* ***1.40** Video Bites* (23946154) **2.00-7.00** Shopping (4290050)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Droibee Time (34401) **7.00** Rathan II *(4017963)* ***7.45** Pugwall (527708)* **8.15** Head to Head (9655321) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (13296) **9.00** Zazou U (37876) **9.30** Around the World (3616893) **10.10** Widabout (5607091) **10.30** Swamp Thing (26760) ***11.00** Saved by the Bell (15505)* **11.30** Beakman's World (16234) **12.00** Smoggies (17012) **12.30pm** You Can't Do That on Television (67505) **1.00** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (56925) **1.30** Flash Gordon (66876) **2.00** Madeline (8925) **2.30** New Shoe People (5116586) **2.45** Babar (112925) **3.15** Ratkan II (3549383) **3.20** Newts (2341215) **3.40** Spiff and Hercules (6227789) **3.55** Head to Head (5416789) **4.00** Runaway Bay (1596) **4.30-5.00** *T-Rex (9760)*

NICKELODEON

7.00am Speed Racer (59370) **8.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (61627) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (11168) **9.00** Rocko's Modern Life (84383) **10.00** Blue Child of the Earth (35470) **10.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (27470) **12.00** The Monkees (76876) **1.30pm** Capital Critters (42789) **3.00** Pete and Pete (55079) **4.30** Clarissa (67128) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (39706)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm In Celebration of Trees (4935296) **5.00** Biography: Joe Dimaggio (2548857) **5.55** Anno Martin's Postcards (1487924) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4196586) **7.00** American *Supermarket (3931505)* ***7.30** The Munro* Show (5296760) **8.00** Going Places (9212302) **8.50** Sports of the World (3160166) **9.00** The Deep Probe Expeditions (2253499) **10.00** Skybound (4721147) **10.30** *The X-Planes (4730895)* ***11.00** Coral Reef* (4936925) **11.30** Global Family (3944215)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Cone of Silence (1960, b/w). A flying instructor investigates an air crash (9158876) **1.45pm** FILM: The Company She Keeps (1951, b/w): A woman falls for her parole officer (5408499) **3.15** The Star and the Story (6854944) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5293673) **4.30** My Three Sons (5299857) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (2848895) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5213437) **6.00** Death Valley Days (5203050) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (5294302) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (2828031) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (5290586) **8.00** The Avengers (2260789) **9.00** FILM: Untamed Women (4952963) (1952, b/w): Four bomber pilots land on a prehistoric island **10.30** Donny and Marie (4727321) **11.00** Get Smart (4963079) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3931741)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (5353352) **8.00** Family Matters (1953166) **8.30** Rendezvous (1852437) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6098760) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4995166) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (7324370) **11.30** John Tovey (3121692) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77662505) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58781578) **12.30** Divorce Court (9802586) **1.00** Homewise (5336505) **1.30** Rendezvous (9801857) **2.00** Agony Hour (4996895) **3.00** Living (7073234) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (69668470) **4.00** Definition (1610383) **4.30** Infatuation (1649895) **5.00** Musiquest (8856401) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5371418) ***5.45** Kilroy (5622942)* **6.30** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (1611012) **7.00** Definition (4456645) **7.30** That's Amore (1617296) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2157215) **9.00** FILM: A Cry in the Dark (1988): The story of the Australian dingo baby case (2150302) **11.15** That's Amore (1568470) **11.45** Fame and Fortune (8757050) **12.00** Agony Hour (5258708)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (2505) **5.30** Zorro (1352) **6.00** The Wonder Years (7825) **6.30** Catchphrase (1505) **7.00** All Clued Up (2741) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (7789) **8.00** All Together Now (8789) **8.30** GP (7296) **9.00** Lou Grant (36586) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (18741) **10.30** Entertainment Now (34789) **11.00** Remington Steele (76302) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (25258)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (443180) **8.00** VJ Ingo (978963) **11.00** Soul (97895) **12.00** Greatest *Hits (48470)* ***1.00pm** VJ Simone (754418)* **3.30** Report (6223963) **3.45** Movies (6228418) **4.00** News (6637321) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6627944) **4.30** Dial MTV (8418) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (30963) **7.00** Greatest Hits (32760) ***8.00** Most Wanted (24437)* **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (56499) **10.00** Report (751296) **10.15** Movies (789079) **10.30** News (523963) **10.45** 3 from 1 (528418) **11.00** Unplugged with Nirvana (78760) **12.00** VJ *Marijne (27616)* ***1.00am** Chill Out* Zone (43364) **2.00** Videos (3183628)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (94447) **7.00** Regional News (94708) **7.30** Asian Morning (73215) **8.00** Hindi News (41079) **8.30** Urdu News (4209005) **8.45** English News (9674960) **9.00** Nangey Paon (55895) **10.00** FILM: Vishwanath (689925) **1.00pm** Nukkad (95079) **1.30** Pakistani FILM (506128) **4.30** Kiddie Time (35861) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (8166) **7.00** Sportsworld (8383) **7.30** ID Youth (6031) **8.00** English News (145925) **8.15** FILM Insaaf (87706692) **11.15** Berzekh (387673) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8070703) **1.35** Sight and Sound (35732884)

TNT

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7.00pm Torpedo Run (1958). An American submarine destroys a Japanese aircraft carrier With Glenn Ford (81626079)
8.45 Above and Beyond (1952, b/w). Biopic of the pilot who dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima (76953031)
11.05 Invasion Quartet (1961): Four officers and a scientist attempt to silence a *Nazi cannon trained on Dover (42408234)*
12.45am The War Against Mrs Hadley (1942, b/w) A woman worries that that war will affect her social life (59153432)
2.25 The Devil Makes Three (1952, b/w): Gene Kelly as a secret agent in Nazi Germany (22800567). Ends at **3.55**

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Moe maintains form with second medal of Winter Games

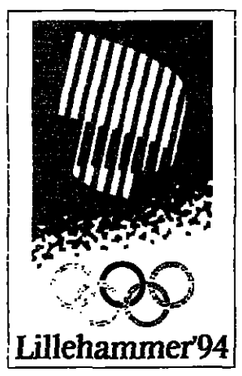
Wasmeier streaks home with a smile

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LILLEHAMMER

HE HAS the same blue eyes, wide mouth and face creased from smiling as Steve McQueen. Victory for Markus Wasmeier in the Olympic super-giant slalom ski race here yesterday was a fitting reward for a competitor with the right kind of attitude to sport. Never dwell on the past, concentrate on tomorrow.

On Sunday, after about half a minute of the downhill, Wasmeier, realising he was not going well, mentally abandoned the race. He finished 36th. Forget it, he said to himself, keep laughing and concentrate on winning the next event. The super-G. He has not won a championship gold medal since his giant slalom world title at Bormio in 1985. The best since then had been a super-G bronze in 1989.

In second place, by the minute margin of 0.08sec, was Tommy Moe, the downhill champion, of the United States. He became the first American to win two Alpine medals in one Games and also lies third in the combined event after the combined downhill on Monday. However, it would be expecting a lot for him to hold that position in the slalom, at which his talents are modest. He has until a week today to practice.



It does help to keep things in perspective if your hobby is playing Mozart on the Bavarian viola, a *schossgeige*, or the zither. Wasmeier whistled a snatch of melody just to convince us, though simultaneously he was making fun of himself. This was his third Olympics — previous best, fourth in the 1992 downhill — and, come what may, he intended to have fun here.

"When you want too much from one race, there is little chance of fun and no chance of winning," he reflected. It is an attitude in marked contrast to the it's-got-to-hurt, focus-is-everything school of thought that is nowadays pumped out by almost every self-respecting coach. Not that Wasmeier, a 30-year-old Federal Army sergeant major, was wishing to understate his achievement. It was just that it pleasantly surprised him. It was not so long ago, following a serious back injury, that he nearly quit at the end of a poor season.

"Super-G is very difficult, finding the right line, learning the course," he said. "It's the hardest of all [alpine] disciplines, trying to find the right way down." Yesterday, he did so brilliantly. Fourth to start, in his zebra-patterned black-and-white suit, he made only one error, on his own admission. At some gates, such were his speed and angle to the horizontal, his shoulder seemed almost to touch the piste. He flashed through the line in 1min 32.53sec, a blink ahead of Moe, who had skied immediately before him.

Modestly, Wasmeier said he was surprised that his time survived the challenge from the rest. Kjetil Aamodt, who had taken the silver medal in the downhill, was 0.4sec away for the bronze and Marc Giradelli another blink behind in fourth place.

For Moe, the day could hardly have been better. With fame and impending fortune assured from the downhill, and with his picture on the next front cover of *Sports Illustrated* — the ultimate, for Americans, in sports celebrity terms — he, too, could afford to be relaxed. *And* it was his 24th birthday.

"I've sweated a lot in recent seasons," he said, and it was clear he had not much enjoyed it. "I'm just starting to ski my best. Today, I didn't have too much pressure [after Sunday], but I didn't want to let the opportunity pass me by."

At the start, he had found himself yawning; always a good sign, he said, that he was relaxed: "I took control of my career two years ago, after a terrible season, and went back to the drawing board."

It had still not really sunk in that he was an Olympic champion and, after a single beer following his victory, he was concentrating on his slalom training. There were moments during the press conference when he seemed almost dazed.

The most frustrated man of the afternoon was Daniel Mahrer, of Switzerland, who had been second on this course in a super-G last year. Going like the wind, his interval split times were the fastest of the day, but as he came off the last jump near the bottom, he lost his balance and skied wide of the next gate. The margins on the mountain are tiny.

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Torvill holds on to Dean during their eye-catching ice dance practice yesterday. Photograph: Matthias Hiekel

Torvill and Dean change routine

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN HAMAR

BY POPULAR demand, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean have brushed the cobwebs off their free dance and added modern touches with the aim of winning their second Olympic gold medal. They revealed all in practice yesterday and the amended routine looked impressive.

Gone was the stiffness seen last month at the European championships in Copenhagen and, in its place, was a swing and flow, with trick moves inserted to rouse applause. Clever interlocking steps and even leaps have been included to get away, as far as possible, from the back-to-ballroom basics now demanded of ice dance by the sport's governing body, the International Skating Union.

The coaches and choreographers of the 20 other couples were all watching, as well as several of the dancers, as the British couple took the ice. Revealing a youthful vigour missing before, Torvill and Dean faced the music and danced. They danced it as Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire might have danced it today. It even looked as if the Britons, acclaimed as the pioneers of dance in their heyday, might be cocking a snook at the frosty authorities. They certainly have the stature to do it and some critics felt they should have done it before.

Their win in Copenhagen, achieved on countback, aroused hostility as many observers preferred the performance of the Russians, Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, while others thought the Finns, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko, had been ignored. Aware of this, Torvill and Dean have lost no time at their training hideout in Milton Keynes. Together with their coaches, Betty Callaway and Bobby Thompson, and choreographer, Andris Toppe, they have performed a significant restructuring.

Both were in gold yesterday, Torvill becomingly costumed and Dean with a gold waistcoat over black. Toppe said the costume for the free dance will be better than the cold white seen last month. Appearances, though not marked, can be vital in dance where presentation counts.

Today, they dance the two compulsories that open the contest, the Starlight Waltz and the Blues, numbers they know by heart. The nine-strong judges' panel includes a Briton, Mary Parry, who favoured them in Copenhagen. Alongside Parry will be a Canadian, German, Czech, Belorussian and Russian, in addition to three judges who were suspended last summer but later reinstated — Marie Lundmark, of Finland, Lyudmila Mikhailovskaya, of Ukraine, and Eric Couste, of France.

These three, angered over their rebuff, have, as referee and overlord here, Hans Kutschera, the very man who recommended their penalisation after last season's world championships in Prague.

It will be fascinating to see if they stay in line with the majority mark or show more independence. A change from Copenhagen is that the Russians, who include the world champions, Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, have a vote on their side.

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Club fined £55,000 for poaching Fry from Southend

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BARRY Fry has flirted with controversy throughout his managerial career and, yesterday, he found himself embroiled in the middle of another dispute when Birmingham City was fined £55,000 by the Football League.

Birmingham, the struggling first division club, was also ordered to pay £75,000 compensation after being found guilty of "poaching" Fry from Southend United, where he was manager, as well as Edwin Stein, his assistant at Roots Hall, and David Howell, the player-coach.

Officials of the Midlands club were meeting last night to consider an appeal, which has to be lodged within 14 days. David Sullivan, the Birmingham chairman and millionaire publisher, said he would "walk away tomorrow" if a buyer could be found to reimburse him the £3 million he has invested at St Andrew's.

Fry, formerly manager at Barnet, where he was involved in numerous public disputes with Stan Flashman, his colourful chairman, was lured to Birmingham in December by a reputed £100,000-a-year salary plus bonuses. He has since bought 15 players, but the team is still languishing near the foot of the table.

A Football League disciplinary commission took an unprecedented 12 hours to reach its decision and the combined total of the fine and compensation is a record in English football.

The highest individual fine handed out was against Chelsea in January 1991, when the club had to pay £105,000 for making illegal payments to three players.

Two other clubs have been fined for the "poaching" of managers. In 1989, Bradford City was penalised £10,000 when it took Terry Yorath from Swansea City and, last year, Watford had to pay the same figure for enticing Glenn Roeder from Gillingham.

In December, Tottenham Hotspur was fined £25,000 after being found guilty of making an illegal approach to Osvaldo Ardiles, the then manager of West Bromwich Albion.

Ojomoh to replace Clarke in England back row

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will go into their five nations' rugby union championship match against Ireland at Twickenham tomorrow with their least experienced back row for 26 years after the withdrawal of Ben Clarke. His place at No 8 will be taken by his uncapped Bath colleague, Steve Ojomoh.

The "will-he, won't he?" saga ended when England trained privately at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday. Clarke, capped seven times by England and, by common consent, the outstanding player in world rugby in 1993, completed 40 minutes of the session before deciding to withdraw because of the arm so severely bruised against Scotland a fortnight ago.

The damage was inflicted by another Bath player, Andy Reed, who fell on Clarke during the game. Completing the Bath roundabout, John Hall returns to the squad as a replacement. However, the preferment of Ojomoh, 23, leaves England with a total of four caps in the back row — three for Tim Rodber and one for Neil Back.

For Ojomoh, it is the end of a journey that once seemed likely never to begin. Born in Nigeria, he won junior national honours as an all-round athlete at West Buckland School in Devon. He played rugby for England at schools and colts levels before being threatened with deportation in 1989.

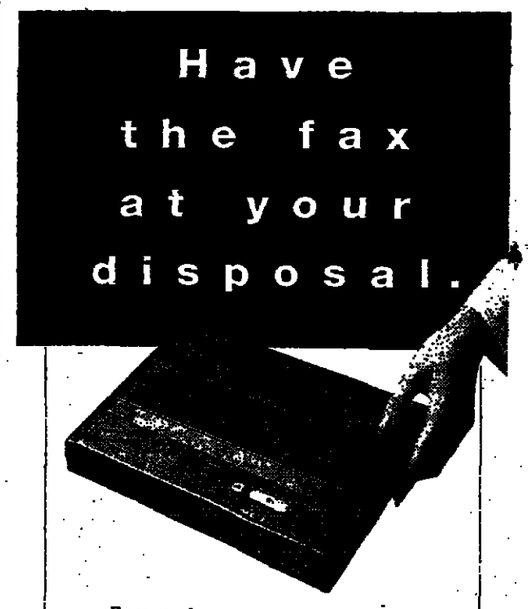
"Someone decided I was an alien and I was ordered to leave in two weeks, without right of appeal," Ojomoh said. Chris Patten, then MP for Bath, took up his case, the Rugby Football Union stressed his potential as an athlete and the Home Office allowed him to stay.

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said: "It is a blow to be without such a great player as Ben, but we believe we have enormous strength in the back row. We are about to find out if our beliefs are justified."

Having dropped Tony Clement from full back in the XV to play France in Cardiff, Wales were forced to restore him at centre yesterday when Nigel Davies withdrew.

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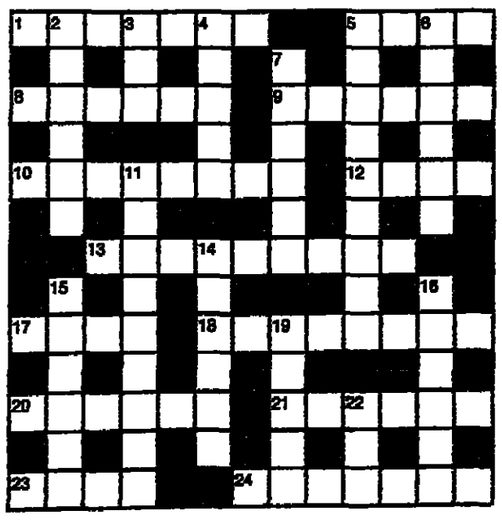
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17 Senile (4)
18 Hypnotic (8)
20 Fair-haired (girl) (6)
21 Junkie (6)
23 Studious person (4)
24 Wind (of a river) (7)

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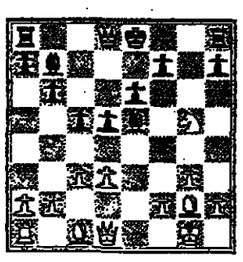
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Jakubovics - Kumaran, Hastings Challenge 1994. Here White has just sacrificed rook for knight. What is White's best way to continue the attack?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CARGOOSE
a. The Canada Goose
b. A ship's chandler
c. The Crested Grebe

CONTRASTO
a. Contention, strife
b. Contrast for rhetorical effect
c. An Italian card game

PROTEAD
a. A son of Proteus
b. An architectural ornament
c. A plant

RICHE
a. A saddle-cloth
b. A kingdom
c. Wealth

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